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MESSAGE: King Khalid meets with South Yemen's Deputy Foreign Minister Abdul Aziz Al-Rahman. The emissary, who left Riyadh later Wednesday, delivered to King Khalid a message from South Yemen's new President Ali Nasser Muhammad on the changes in the government of Aden.

## Khaled meets Aden's envoy

RIYADH, April 23 (Agencies) — King Khalid Wednesday received a message from South Yemen's new President Ali Nasser Muhammad.

The message was delivered to the King by the country's Deputy Foreign Minister Abdul Aziz Al-Rahman.

Crown Prince Fahd, Minister of Defense and Aviation Prince Sultan and Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al-Faisal attended the meeting with the emissary.

He was received upon arrival by Deputy Foreign Minister Sheikh Abdul Aziz Al-Thanyan.

Prince Fahd Tuesday reiterated that the Kingdom is against the establishment of any axis of power or alliances and any interference in the internal affairs of other states.

Prince Fahd, who was addressing a meeting of the Council of Ministers Tuesday night, also stated the Kingdom was anxious for the preservation of stability in the Gulf and the Arabian Peninsula regions as well as the rest of the world.

"Unfortunately the area is being subjected to several investigations and aggressive interventions which have no justification whatever," the Crown Prince said.

Abdul Rahman who visited Kuwait Tuesday told reporters he had explained to Sheikh Jaber Al-Ahmed Al-Sabah the truth of what had happened in South Yemen in order to counter press rumors about the events.

He said former president Abdul Fattah Ismail had resigned because of ill health and added that his country's internal and external policies would continue unchanged.

Abdul Rahman said South Yemen was open to anyone wishing to visit it and added Ismail was ready to meet anyone who wanted to see him.

Other South Yemen envoys are touring North Yemen, Syria and Lebanon on similar missions.

The Iraqi News Agency said Iraq's President Saddam Hussein had sent a telegram of congratulations to Nasser Muhammad, making the first public level contact between the two countries.

Congratulations also came from Kuwaiti foreign minister, Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmed Al-Sabah and the Soviet Union.

Soviet President Leonid I. Brezhnev said "The Soviet Union will, as before, invariably side with the friendly South Yemeni people in their struggle to defend the gains of the revolution, national independence and sovereignty, for social progress, against designs of imperialism and reaction," Tass quoted Brezhnev as saying.

Earlier Tuesday President Ali Nasser Muhammad committed his country to continue its alliance with the Soviet Union in his first public speech since he replaced Abdul Fattah Ismail on Sunday.

In the speech, broadcast by Radio Aden, Muhammad praised the 20-year friendship treaty with the Soviet Union signed by Ismail last year as "the symbol of the extent to which friendship and cooperation between Democratic Yemen and the Soviet Union has developed and grown."

## Mzali appointed Tunisia premier

LOUNIS, Tunisia, April 23 (AP) — President Habib Bourguiba Wednesday named veteran civil servant Muhammad Mzali as prime minister of Tunisia, replacing Hedi Nouira who has been ailing since suffering a cerebral hemorrhage two months ago.

Mzali, 55, a former teacher and long-time politician, has been in charge of coordinating day-to-day government activities in Tunisia since March 1.

The announcement, though not unexpected, tended to confirm reports that Nouira needs several more months of convalescence and therapy. He was partially paralyzed by the stroke suffered Feb. 25 and underwent several weeks of medical treatment in France.

## Nile water gushes into Sinai desert

CAIRO, April 23 (AP) — Nile water gushed into the Sinai peninsula for the first time ever Tuesday linking the desert to the Egyptian mainland and signaling the beginning of agricultural and industrial cooperation with Egypt's former enemy, Israel.

The Cairo press said six pipelines with a daily capacity of 1.3 million cubic meters each poured the first Nile River waters that will be used to irrigate 30,000 acres.

The pipelines are situated within a \$75 million tunnel that passes beneath the Suez Canal at a maximum depth of 51 meters. The 1.7 mile tunnel is a two lane road crossing driven under the waterway 17 km north of Suez City.

Apart from water and traffic, the tunnel also carries electricity lines for agricultural and industrial projects planned for the Sinai. It can also carry tanks and other military vehicles.

## Craig asked to leave

RIYADH, April 23 (Agencies) — The government Wednesday announced a delay in the accreditation of its new ambassador to London as a protest over the screening of the *Death of a Princess* on British television and advised the British ambassador to leave the Kingdom.

A statement by Information Minister Dr. Muhammad Abdo Yamani said the decision was reached during Tuesday's Council of Ministers meeting "due to the negative stand of the British government concerning the television film."

Yamani added the council is also "giving serious consideration to the economic relations between the Kingdom and Britain, particularly with regard to the work of British companies in Saudi Arabia," the minister said.

British companies are engaged in several multi-million dollar projects in the Kingdom.

Dr. Yamani's announcement came after Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al-Faisal met with British Ambassador James Craig, an Arab expert who speaks the language

fluently and had interrupted a leave to fly back to Saudi Arabia after the row erupted April 9.

The British government apologized to Saudi Arabia about the screening of the film, but stated it had no power to stop it.

The Saudi government condemned the film as a deliberate attempt to distort the Quranic law, an aggression on Arab and Islamic values and traditions...and an attempt to offend the feeling of the Saudi people," the Saudi Press Agency said.

The cabinet has therefore decided to tell its new ambassador to Britain to postpone presenting his credentials to the Queen, the agency reported.

"That also means that of the presence of a British ambassador in Saudi Arabia is unnecessary for the time being," the agency said.

The agency also said that the cabinet examined "carefully" the economic ties with Britain, especially the status of British companies operating here.

Observers said the Saudi move did not

amount to a rupture in diplomatic relations. Rather, they commented, the action was more like a freeing of ties, an expression of anger and detestation.

The agency said the cabinet's decision was also to protest at "the tendentious press campaign accompanying the screening of the film which aimed to harm Islamic principles and Arab and Islamic customs."

In London a Foreign Office statement said: "It is most unfortunate that Anglo-Saudi relations should have been damaged by a film for which the British government was in no way responsible, and which it could not prevent being shown on British television or elsewhere."

The Saudi Arabian embassy in London regretted the deterioration of relations "as a result of the fierce and malicious campaign."

The statement expressed sincere hope for the restoration of relations on a "more solid and strong basis in light of our conviction of the paramount importance of the mutual interests which bind the two countries and the long-standing friendship between their two peoples."

Naji Sadiq Mufit, Saudi Arabian charge d'affaires in London, blamed the worsening of relations with Britain on "the fierce and malicious campaign" against his country by British media.

Mufit said "The campaign is aimed at attacking the Islamic law and the values and traditions of the Saudi Arabian people." His own people, in contrast, Mufit said, always had displayed "great respect and regard" for the values and traditions of the British.

A British embassy spokesman in Jeddah told *Arab News* Wednesday that he "very much regretted that this has happened." Robin Lamb said he hoped that normal relations will be resumed soon. The spokesman said the embassy counselor John Grey will act as charge d'affaires. But Lamb could not say when the ambassador will leave.

The Palestine Liberation Organization representative Rafik Natsha also condemned the malicious campaign against Saudi Arabia.

He said the campaign was the result of the Kingdom's firm stand on the Palestine issue and other Arab causes. He urged a resolute stand against the hostile campaign.

He added that the resolutions of the conference of Arab information ministers could provide an effective plan for a successful confrontation of the campaign.

## U.S. affirms confidence in Saudi Arabian govt.

By Bob Lebling

Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, April 23 — The Carter administration has issued a statement affirming its "complete confidence in the present leadership and government of Saudi Arabia" and praising the Kingdom's efforts on behalf of the Saudi people and the region as a whole.

The statement, issued Tuesday by the State Department, came in response to a front-page article last week in the *New York Times*, which focused on alleged corruption in Saudi Arabia.

The State Department said the *Times* article "makes clear that the Saudi government is on public record as being determined to regulate business practices."

The department stressed that "allegations sourced to unidentified officials

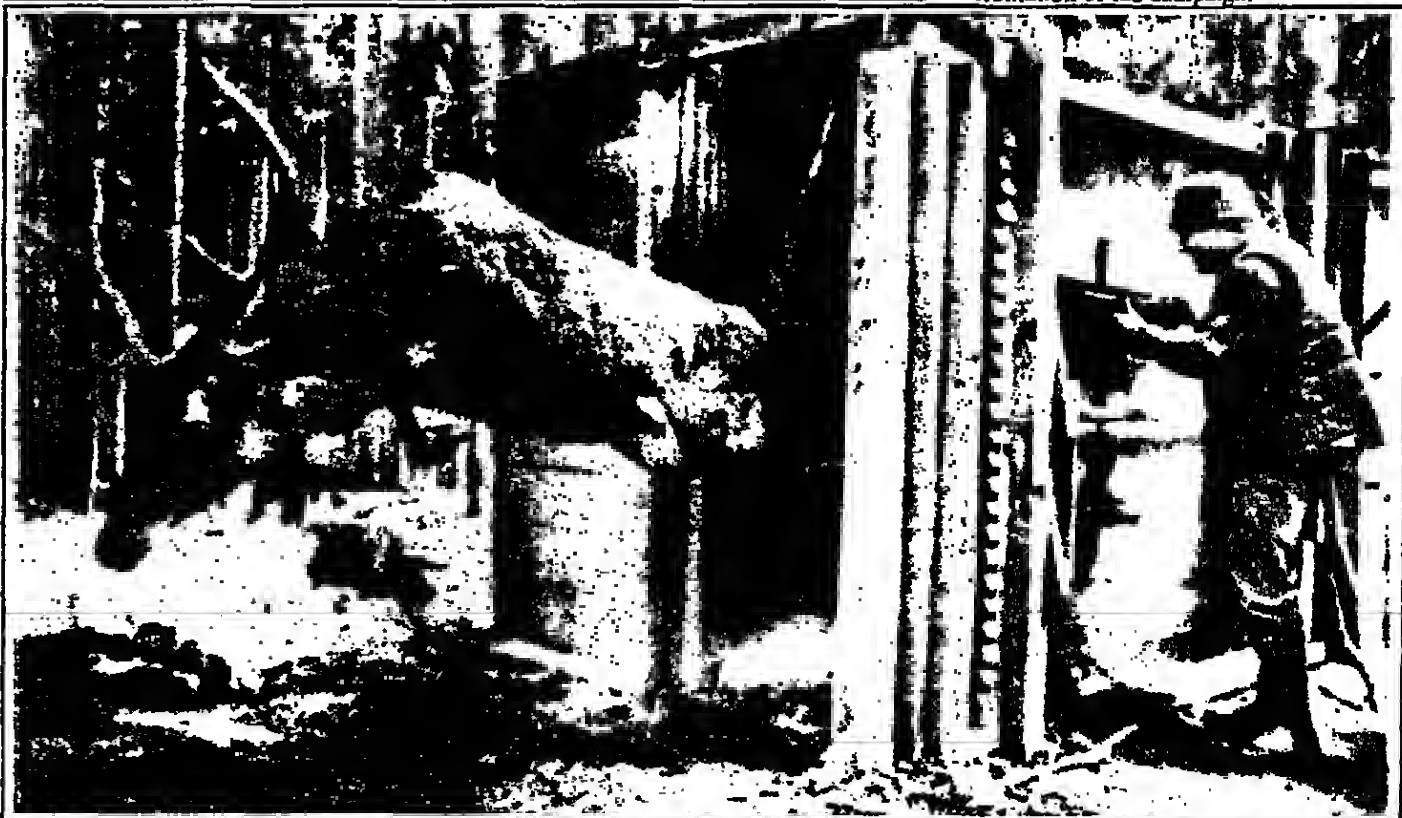
should not obscure the fundamental strength" of the U.S.-Saudi relationship.

"We believe the Saudi leadership is serious about the subject in question," the State Department added.

"The important point," it said, "is that this government has complete confidence in the present leadership and government of Saudi Arabia and is impressed by leadership efforts to bring progress and well-being to the Saudi people and promote peace and prosperity and stability in the region and beyond it."

The State Department noted that the U.S., for its own part, was enforcing regulations dealing with unethical conduct by American business abroad.

"We intend to keep working to strengthen our cooperation and relationship with the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia," it said.



FREEDOM LEAP: Taking a long leap into freedom a young stag bolts out of the trapping device in the woods of the Bavarian National Park, after he was tagged and registered for scientific purposes. Scientists equip some animals with mini-transmitters to keep track of their wandering and feeding ways.

## Israel seeks status for settlements

JERUSALEM, April 23 (R) — A ministerial revolt in Israel's coalition government forced Prime Minister Menachem Begin to postpone a special committee meeting Wednesday on a controversial proposal to alter the legal status of Jewish settlements in the occupied Arab territories, political sources said.

All three ministers representing the Democratic Front, headed by Deputy Prime Minister Yigael Yadin, as well as two of the four liberal party ministers, threatened to walk out of the cabinet session if it were held, the sources told Reuters.

The five rebellious ministers have often opposed the more militant views of Begin on the Palestinian questions and have also threatened to resign and bring down the government.

## Somali U gets SR35m

MOGADISHU, April 23 (SPA) — Saudi Arabia Wednesday granted Somalia a loan of SR35.3 million, it was announced here.

The Saudi Development Fund has made the loan to influence the National University of Somalia.

The total cost of the university project will amount to \$25.8 million. With this total loans provided to Somalia by the Saudi Development Fund amounting to SR289.3 million.

## PLO calls plan replacement for Camp David

THE HAGUE, April 23 (R) — The leader of a delegation representing a Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) peace plan for the Middle East said the proposals were intended to replace the Camp David accords.

Khaled Hassan, head of the foreign affairs committee of the Palestine National Council, the Palestine parliament in exile, Tuesday said the plan included Israeli withdrawal from all territory occupied in the 1967 war. He said these areas would be handed over to United Nations trusteeship.

He was speaking at a news conference with a senior Dutch official and Dutch parliamentarians.

Palestine Council representatives have already visited other Western European nations as part of a major diplomatic offensive.

Hassan said the Camp David accords, in which Egypt and Israel agreed on a framework for Middle East peace, were doomed because they did not try to resolve the issue of Palestinian statehood.

Hassan said the Palestine Council, with the official support of the PLO had drawn up five points it wanted included in a European initiative.

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## Nationalist China Minister

## Chiu to visit Kingdom

JEDDAH, April 23 — The Interior Minister of the Republic of China Chuang-huan Chiu is due to arrive here Thursday on an official visit to the Kingdom at the invitation of Interior Minister Prince Naif.

The visit is expected to further strengthen the relations between the two countries, according to Chinese embassy sources here. The two countries have enjoyed close relations and are cooperating in many fields, political, medical, social and economic.

Prince Naif visited the Republic of China last year at the invitation of Chiu who will return the visit on Thursday.

Chiu was born in 1925 and has a Master's degree from the National Cheng Chih University. He served as director of department of personnel at the ministry of interior and deputy director of the fifth section of the Kuomintang Central Com-

mittee from 1967 to 1969. Later he became director of social affairs of the Taiwan Provincial government until 1972.

At present he is also a member of the Central Committee of the Kuomintang and a member of its Central Standing Committee. He is the author of two books on Social Welfare.

In a related event, a 12-member Chinese University student goodwill mission led by Bao You-yu, director of the Bureau of International Cultural and Educational Relations, is scheduled to arrive here Thursday for a weeklong visit.

The mission made up of university students and leaders of student associations comes at the invitation of the Saudi ministry of Higher Education under an agreement on cultural cooperation between the two countries.

In addition to meet with officials of the Ministry of Higher Education, the mission



Chuang-huan Chiu

will make a tour of several universities in various parts of the Kingdom and hold discussions with professors and students.

The mission, which comes at a time of rapidly growing cultural and educational ties between the two countries, will be the second Chinese youth group to visit the Kingdom within two months. Another mission visited here in February at the invitation of the Saudi Youth Welfare Council.

## Ebrahim Sulaiman Sait

## Indian leader promotes Islamic harmony

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, April 23 — A Member of Indian parliament called on the government of Mrs. Indira Gandhi to take more effective steps in curtailing communal riots that have claimed several hundred lives.

A prominent Muslim leader, Ebrahim Sulaiman Sait, said last year's major Hindu-Muslim riots took place in Aligarh, Benares, Jamsheerpur and Hyderabad. Sait is also president of the Indian Union Muslim League and M.P. for Kerala.

"By and large the 100 million Muslims in India are alright," he said "but Hindu-Muslim relations are not quite satisfactory and we would like to see more communal harmony prevail in our country."

The league is a political party that has five members in parliament. Altogether there are 50 Muslim members in the Indian parliament of 525.

He said most Muslim adults in the country voted for Mrs. Gandhi's Congress party during the last national elections because they believed she would give the Muslims a better deal than the Janata party, which included some Hindu fanatics.



Ebrahim Sulaiman Sait

Sait, who was here to perform the umra, had attended the World Muslim League Conference in the Turkish federated state of Kipris, and the International Muslim Minority Conference held in London earlier. He also took part in a seminar on the advent of the 15th century of the Hijrah Islamic calendar. The theme was the *Life and Message of the Prophet Muhammad*.

The objective of Sait's league is to prom-

ote the solidarity of Indians who are good Muslims and good citizens. They strive to uphold their religious beliefs and the personal law that governs their activities in Indian courts of law.

"We also work for freedom to establish our own educational institutions and right of Muslims to administer them," he said. The right to administer the famous Muslim university of Aligarh was taken away by the outgoing government, but there are hopes that Mrs. Gandhi will restore it soon.

Urdu, which is spoken by 85 million Muslims in India, is not available at state schools, he said. Priority is given to the national language of Hindi, English as a medium of instruction and a regional language is a third choice Muslims now want Urdu to be offered as an optional language in government-run schools, he said.

"In the same way, Muslims want the government to uphold the sanctity of places of worship as endowments. Not only as far as Islamic places are concerned, but this protection should include Hindu temples and Christian churches so that they may be spared government acquisition," Sait said.

The week is aimed at introducing products of national industries, and the industries to the public.

ducts freely or at lower prices.

Saud meets with Chatti  
OIC role in fostering solidarity discussed

RIYADH, April 23 (SPA) — Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al-Faisal discussed the Organization of Islamic Conference's role in fostering Islamic solidarity with the group's secretary general.

After the meeting, Habib Chatti said he took up the draft agenda of the Eleventh Islamic Foreign Ministers Conference to be held in Islamabad with the prince.

The conference will discuss the Jerusalem problem, the problems of Muslims in Afghanistan and the Philippines and other issues pertaining to Islamic solidarity. Chatti

told reporters.

A new Islamic drive is necessary to deal with recent developments in the Arab world, the normalization of relations between Egypt and Israel and the settlement policy in the occupied Arab territories, he added.

Chatti said the Camp David accords have failed to resolve the problem of Palestinian autonomy.

Muslims must now appeal to the world at large to shoulder its responsibilities "towards a situation that jeopardizes international peace and security." He added that the Mus-

lims should address themselves to the United Nations and the United States itself.

Chatti also said he will submit to the foreign ministers conference a report on the situation in the Horn of Africa and the state of refugees in Somalia. A few hours later, Chatti flew to Mogadishu for an official three-day visit to Somalia and talks with Somali leaders.

Meanwhile, the Islamic Conference Wednesday expressed its deep anxiety towards the possibility of American military intervention in Iran because of the hostages problem. In a statement to the press, the OIC urged Iran and the United States to solve their problems by peaceful means.

The organization said that the United Nations Charter bans the use of force in resolving international disputes. The Islamic Foreign Ministers Conference held in Fez, Morocco, last year, affirmed the sovereignty, territorial integrity, safety and political independence of Iran have to be respected like other OIC members. The statement added.

The OIC statement also said Islamic countries are firmly against any threat or use of force, pressure, interference or economic sanctions against Iran or any other OIC member state.

## Pilgrimage traffic plans prepared

MECCA, April 23 (SPA) — The Pilgrimage Executive Committee has prepared recommendations regarding organizing traffic for vehicles that transport and serve pilgrims during the coming pilgrimage season.

The recommendations are to be submitted to the Central Pilgrimage Committee chaired by Prince Majed, governor of Mecca, for approval.

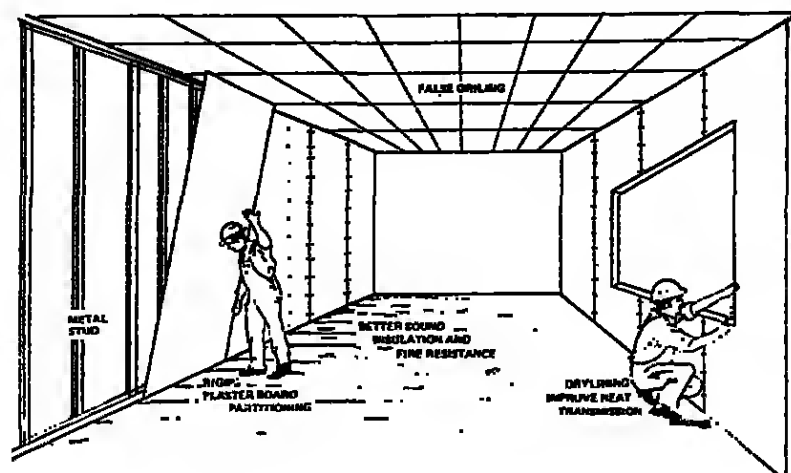
The committee met Wednesday under Sheikh Hamad Al-Shawi, under-secretary of

the governorate of Mecca and discussed the issue of public toilets in Mina built by the Municipality of Mecca and to prevent the disadvantages arising from the toilets.

The director general of the legal department of the governorate of Mecca, Ali Abu Al-Ula, said the committee recommended to alter the system and use underground collecting tanks.

Mecca Traffic Director expressed readiness to adopt all necessary measures to facilitate pilgrim transport.

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## Dammam meetings to consider industry week

DAMMAM, April 23 (SPA) — Dammam Chamber of Commerce and Industry will hold meetings with businessmen in the Eastern Province between May 15 and 22 to discuss their abilities to take part in the National Industry week in the Kingdom.

The national industry week will begin November 9 and includes seminars and exhibitions to be held to mark the development of national industry. The week will include student visits to some industries, and possibly distribution of some industrial pro-

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## Majed meets with Mecca police

# Officials confer about traffic campaign

MECCA, April 23 (SPA) — Governor of Mecca Prince Majed met with officials of the Mecca Traffic Department to discuss ways of reducing traffic problems.

The prince met with Maj. Shabat Mufti, commander of Mecca Traffic Department and his assistants and asked them to double their efforts during the upcoming campaign.

A one week traffic campaign will start in all Saudi cities next Saturday. All government departments, private firms, students, boy

scouts and clubs will take part in it.

Meanwhile, in Dammam, Col. Atallah Al-Salem, Eastern Province traffic commander, urged the area's inhabitants to observe traffic regulations more than they usually do, especially during the traffic week to contribute to its success.

Col. Atallah said there will be neither penalties nor fines for drivers during the campaign, but hoped that no traffic accidents will take place in that period.

He urged motorists to respect traffic regulations and not to drive at high speeds in populated areas or in an irresponsible manner, but to cooperate with traffic men and hasten to issue driving licenses.

Cars involved or smashed in traffic accidents will be displayed during the campaign with inscriptions calling on drivers to be careful. Booklets will also be distributed and seminar will be held and lectures given about traffic and the necessity to observe traffic rules.

## Salman signs contract

RIYADH, April 23 (SPA) — Governor of Riyadh and Chairman of the Sewage and Water Department of Riyadh Prince Salman Wednesday signed a contract for supervision for the projects of expanding the sewage purification plant of Riyadh.

The contract, awarded to an international consulting firm, is worth more than SR7 million and it will be finished in 39 months.

## Baha phones enhanced

BAHA, April 23 (SPA) — A new electronic telephone exchange was installed Wednesday in Baha and will come into operation between July and September with a capacity of 3,000 telephone lines.

Baha telephone director, Hassan Said, said work has begun to install another electronic exchange which will link Baha to other parts of the Kingdom through 2,400 lines.

Work has also begun in underground and air networks of the Saudi Telephone project in Baha. These networks are expected to be operated in October.



Abdulaziz Falih

## Falih promoted

Aramco announced the promotion of Abdulaziz D. Falih to the position of manager, Purchasing Department.

Falih joined Aramco in 1951 as an employee in the Materials Supply and Traffic Department. He attended the American University of Beirut and graduated from Rider College in New Jersey with a B.S. in Commerce under the company's Out-of-Kingdom Training Program. Falih also participated in the Program for Senior Executives at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

In addition to filling a number of key managerial positions with Aramco, Falih has undertaken developmental assignments with Aramco Overseas Company in the Hague and at Aramco Services Company in Houston, Texas.

Married with six children, Falih lives in a residence in Dammam acquired through Aramco's Home Ownership Program.

## Prince Abdullah tours military base

RIYADH, April 23 (SPA) — Second Deputy Premier and Commander of the National Guard Prince Abdullah Wednesday inspected a National Guard camp here.

The prince was met at the camp by Gen. Ibrahim Al-Rasbid, assistant deputy commander of the National Guard for operations, deputy commanders of the Guard and other senior officials.

After touring the camp, the prince attended a ceremony on the occasion of his

visit in which poems in colloquial Arabic were delivered to greet him.

At the end of the ceremony, Prince Abdullah lunched with the officers and men. The prince leaves for Abu Dhabi Thursday for a two-day private visit to the United Arab Emirates. The visit comes at the invitation of UAE President Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al-Nahayan. Prince Abdullah will be accompanied by Assistant Deputy Commander of the National Guard Sheikh Abdul Aziz Al-Tuwaijri and other officials.

## Jalawi attends scout camp ceremony

HASA, April 23 (SPA) — Deputy Governor of the Eastern Province Prince Muhammad bin Fahd bin Jalawi will attend the final ceremony of the fourth scout camp for the Kingdom's education directorates Thursday.

The ceremony will be attended by Sheikh Ibrahim Al-Hajji, deputy minister of education for cultural affairs, directors of education directorates and other officials of the Ministry of Education.

More than 1,200 scouts are taking part in the camp. They will parade in a scouts' festival later.

In addition, Jalawi will open the annual exhibition and charitable market of the Gulf Girl's Society at the exhibitions hall of Alghosaihi Metropolitan Hotel Thursday.

The first two days of the exhibit will be open for men and the remaining days will be only for women.

## Embassy transfer projects studied

RIYADH, April 23 (SPA) — The Higher Committee for the Transfer of the Foreign Ministry and Foreign Embassies Tuesday held a meeting under Prince Salman the governor of Riyadh and chairman of the committee.

The committee reviewed architectural designs for the government center in the dip-

lomatic quarters on which work will begin next year. Cost reports for building the employees housing complex of the Foreign Ministry were also reviewed. Dr. Muhammad Al-Sheikh, director of the diplomatic quarters project said Tuesday.

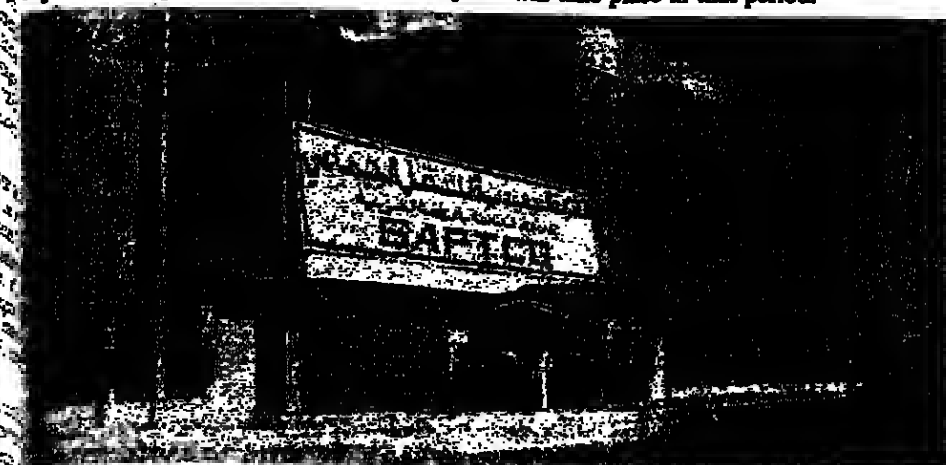
The meeting was attended by Prince Salman, deputy governor of Riyadh.

## Omani minister visits mosque

MEDINA, April 23 (SPA) — Omani Minister of Endowments and Islamic Affairs Waleed bin Zaber Al-Hanasi arrived here from Riyadh Wednesday to visit the Mosque of the Holy Prophet.

endowments who travelled by plane, were received at the airport by a number of local officials. After a brief rest, they performed the noon prayers at the Holy Mosque.

The two ministers attended a late luncheon party given by Hahih Mahmoud Ahmed, chairman of the subsidiary endowments board in the town.



BUSES: Local ladies find bus travel easier with SAPTCO's "women only" compartment.

## Bus travel appeals to women

By Kathy Lund

JEDDAH, April 23 — What is orange, blue and white and could enhance the lifestyles of thousands of women in Jeddah? The answer is those clean, efficient SAPTCO buses that started plying the streets a couple of months ago.

While some women have tried them and liked them, their appeal has increased since April 9 four new routes.

The SAPTCO buses hold special appeal for women because of the "women only" section located in the front and occupying a third of total seating. Also, with the opening of the second stage of operations, and the third in the not too distant future, most women have found there is a bus stop within walking distance from home.

The particular value of the buses to women is that they offer regular and safe transportation to a vast range of points around the city. They thus provide women with independence and mobility at the very reasonable cost of SR1 per ride.

Since the SAPTCO buses began operations in Jeddah on February 20 their daily passenger tally has reached 17,000. At the beginning only two percent of passengers were women. Now the figure has reached 10 per cent, but SAPTCO is expecting that figure to rise steadily especially with the opening of new routes. Considering that the population of Jeddah is over 800,000 and growing, the company is confident that the number of women passengers will double within the year.

A further boost to female passenger figures is expected as women become more aware of how the buses operate. At present two-thirds of all enquiries about the buses are from women, many of whom feel a little hesitant at first about using them.

## Health issues studied

DAMMAM, April 23 (SPA) — The Environmental Health Committee of the Eastern Province met Tuesday under its chairman, Abdul Rahman Al-Shubaili, the director of municipal and rural affairs of the Eastern Province.

The committee discussed several issues related to environmental health and opened bids for a tender that will be awarded after bidding. The tender is for a project to develop a sewage network and house connections for Tubi, a village in Qatif area.

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Temperatures are predicted rise in the eastern, central and eastern regions. The rainfall will be moderate in the north-western region. Low clouds are expected gather over the eastern and south-western highlands. Winds will be mostly between southerly and south-westerly, and moderate to active, may cause sand haze. Seas should be calm to moderate. Wednesday's temperatures (maximum, minimum in centigrade)

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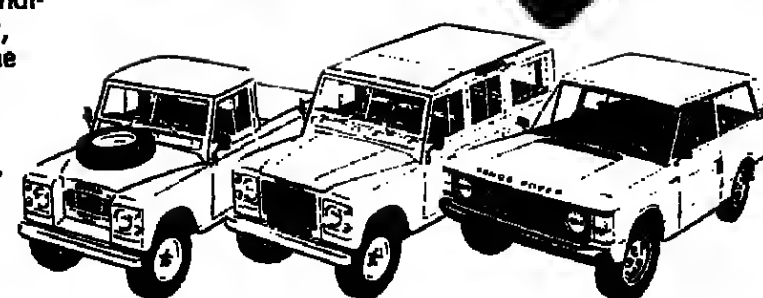
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## Violence claims 20 lives in Turkey

ANKARA, April 23 (Agencies) — At least 20 persons were killed in scattered political violence throughout Turkey Tuesday — one of the worst daily tolls for years, police reported.

Authorities enforced a dusk-to-dawn curfew in Tarsus, southern Turkey, Wednesday after shooting between security forces and leftist elements left eight persons killed, reports reaching Istanbul said.

Five other persons were reported in serious condition following sporadic clashes late Tuesday.

Reports said the shooting was triggered by a demonstration called to protest frequent traffic accidents on a major highway along the Mediterranean coast.

When policemen tried to disperse the demonstrators gunmen believed to be leftist extremists unleashed a barrage of gunfire killing eight persons in the shootout, reports said.

Governor Fahri Ozturk appealed for fresh forces from a nearby province and marines at a naval base were put on alert in anticipation of further politically motivated troubles.

Tarsus is not covered by martial law which is in effect in 20 provinces out of 67.

Four persons were killed in two separate incidents — one apparently in revenge for the other — in the southeastern town of Siverek. The victims were two members of the youth branch of the ruling right-wing Justice Party while the political views of the other two victims were not clear, police said.

In the southeastern town of Birecik three persons died when rightists strafed a cafe with machine gun fire, police said.

Two persons were shot dead for political motives in Istanbul, one in Ankara, one in Gaziantep and one in Tokat, they added.

According to press reports, 1,430 people have died in political incidents in Turkey in the past five months, including 27 soldiers and 45 policemen.

Most of the victims have been students or workers picked out as targets by well-armed underground leftist or rightist gangs. The death of a student or worker known for his political views has usually been followed by a revenge killing by militants of that side.

In addition to the left-right vendetta killings, many of the attacks in southeastern Turkey are believed to have been carried out by guerrillas of the Kurdish minority.

Attacks in southeastern Turkey are usually portrayed by police and most of the press as general political violence, tribal vendettas or attacks by bandits.



SEIZED: Turkish plainclothesmen seize two unidentified leftist assailants following a brief shootout in suburban Istanbul, after three gunmen riding on a motorcycle shot and killed Sam Novello, an American Marine chief and his Turkish chauffeur last week. Tuesday, Turkish police said at least 20 persons were killed in scattered political violence across the country.

### Routine rotation

## 300 Irish troops join UNIFIL

BEIRUT, April 23 (AP) — Three hundred soldiers of Ireland's 47th Infantry Battalion flew into Lebanon Wednesday to relieve the Irish troops serving with the U.N. peacekeeping forces in Southern Lebanon.

The routine, six-month rotation of Irish troops serving with the UN-peacekeeping force went ahead as planned despite the abduction and murder of two Irish soldiers by Israeli-backed Lebanese militiamen in the south last Friday.

"It's a challenge and I like it," said a 19-year-old Irish soldier as he climbed down from the special Aer Lingus jumbo jetliner at Beirut Airport. "We are all volunteers, attracted by the money and the challenge."

The troops receive special combat pay for serving with the 5,800-strong U.N. Interim

Force in Lebanon, (UNIFIL), which serves as a buffer between Palestinian commandos and Israel, north of the Israeli-Lebanon border.

As the 300 soldiers prepared to move to the Irish U.N. headquarters in Tibnine, Lebanon, wounded Pvt. John O'Mahony, 27, was wheeled on a stretcher to the airport to fly home with the 300 Irish troops who have finished their six-month duty.

Meanwhile, a U.N. spokesman said Tuesday a Lebanese civilian employee of UNIFIL is missing and that residents of his village say he was kidnapped by the rightist militias.

Spokesman Samir Sanbar said about 200 residents of the village of Khirbat Silm staged a protest demonstration Monday against the alleged kidnapping of Ibrahim Tawil.

## 21 imprisoned for Algerian rioting

ALGIERS, April 23 (AP) — Twenty-one persons have been imprisoned for terms of up to eight years and assessed heavy fines for rioting during a wave of unrest among Algeria's Berber minority, the justice ministry said Tuesday.

The court held public sessions in the Berber-populated Kabylie area east of

Algiers where the disturbances have occurred in recent weeks. It found the defendants guilty of rebellion, vandalizing public monuments and public property, and insulting government officials, the ministry said.

The defendants were sentenced to prison terms of two to eight years and fines of about \$ 500-1,250.

## Morocco severs links with Cuba

RABAT, April 23 (AP) — Morocco announced Wednesday it has cut off diplomatic relations with Cuba, just five days after King Hassan II's government cut diplomatic ties with Libya.

Informed sources said the action followed

Havana's recent diplomatic recognition of the Sahara Arab Republic, the nation proclaimed by the Algerian-backed Polisario Front guerrilla movement seeking an independent Sahara.

## Israel hikes gasoline by 36 per cent

TEL AVIV, April 23 (AP) — Israel hiked the cost of gasoline to more than \$3 a gallon Tuesday, a dramatic indication of the nation's problems in paying for imported oil.

The 36 per cent increase, bringing the price to \$3.05 per gallon, was announced just before midnight to minimize the last-minute surge of motorists filling up at the old price. But in what has become a ritual every few months, hundreds of Israelis heard the news on radio or television and rushed out to buy gasoline for the last time at a mere \$2.25 a gallon.

Similar hikes were announced for other fuels, which were certain to set off a new wave of inflation throughout the economy. The energy ministry had urged the hike for two months, but treasury officials battling Israel's triple-digit inflation delayed the action.

Another hefty increase is expected by summer as the value of the Israeli shekel continues to decline.

"We didn't have to raise the price. We don't want to spur inflation," Energy Minister Yitzhak Modai said. But he maintained the increase was necessary to meet Israel's oil bill, which will top \$2 billion in 1980.

Israel has been totally dependent on imported oil since returning Sinai oil fields to Egypt last November.

## Autonomy talks resume April 30

CAIRO, April 23 (R) — The next round of negotiations by Egypt, Israel and the United States on Palestinian autonomy will be held at Herzlia, Israel on April 30, the semi-official Cairo Al-Ahram said Wednesday.

President Jimmy Carter held separate talks in Washington earlier this month with Egyptian President Anwar Sadat and Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin to get the stalled talks going. These should be completed by May 26 under the Camp David accords.

The three countries have agreed to intensify the negotiations in attempt to meet the deadline.

Al-Ahram said the Egyptian delegation at the Herzlia meeting will be led by Prime Minister Mustapha Khalil and will include Defense Minister Gen. Kamal Hassan Ali and Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Boutros Ghali.

The United States team will be headed by special Middle East envoy Sol Linowitz and the Israeli side by Interior Minister Yosef Burg.

Working groups from the three countries will meet a few days earlier in Israel to prepare for the plenary session, the paper said.

## Iran seeks U.N. investigation of Iraq's human right breach

UNITED NATIONS, April 23 (AP) — Iranian Foreign Minister Sadegh Ghotbzadeh, in a letter issued here Tuesday, asked for a U.N. investigation of what he described as Iraqi leaders' violations of the human rights of Shiite Muslims in their country.

The letter, circulated to all U.N. missions by Iran's request, was addressed to Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim, who has been stymied in efforts to get the Iraqis to free 50 American hostages held

since last Nov. 4 in the U.S. embassy in Tehran.

Ghotbzadeh accused the Iraqi authorities of "systematic harassment of the Shiite majority" in Iraq. He complained of the expulsion from Iraq into Iran early this month of thousands of Iraqis and Iraqi citizens of Iranian origin. He also cited reports of "arbitrary arrest" of the Iraqi Shiites' spiritual leader, Ayatollah Seyed Muhammad Bagher Sadr.

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## Officials fear wasting of fragile tropical soil

# Boom-town invasion fills Brazilian wilderness

PORTO VELHO, Brazil (LAT) — An invasion by land-hungry settlers is changing remote western Brazilian territory of Rondonia from an inaccessible, malaria-ridden wilderness into a boom land where a man can become rich in a few years.

At the onslaught is on such a grand scale some people fear that prosperity will be followed by a large parts of Rondonia ultimately become desert.

Decade ago the few tracks that passed for

territory, the heat from the fires on both rivals that of the tropical sun.

In a half-hour light plane flight from Ji-Parana to Pimenta Bueno, more than 200 forest fires could be counted where settlers and ranchers were clearing land. At night, the flames stretched to the horizon.

But optimists see Rondonia as a tropical California that later this century will bring great agricultural wealth to Brazil.

They contend that plantations of rubber

stimulating the planting of trees that are native here, such as rubber and cocoa, which will give the natural protection to the soil.

Sylvio knows Rondonia as well as anyone, and he has walked through a lot of it. He came to the northwest frontier 30 years ago as a sergeant-topographer in the Brazilian army to help mark out the frontier with Bolivia, Paraguay and Colombia.

He spent years isolated in the forest and, in one period, he and his men cut their way through 250 miles (400 kms) of thick jungle.

In 1955, as an army lieutenant, he began working with the Brazilian air force, building landing strips and airfields. In 12 years, traveling by jungle trails he had cut or by canoe on Amazonian rivers, he built 17 airfields in the west and northwest of Brazil. For the 25 years of his marriage he has seen little of his wife or three children, who live 2,500 miles (4,000 kms) away in Rio de Janeiro.

"We wanted to plan and control it, to avoid the chaos over land that exists today in Mato Grosso," Sylvio said. "But first we had to survey it to know what we had and we had to examine all the land titles."

(In Mato Grosso there are so many land claimants that lawyers say that for all of them to be legal, the state would have to be three times the size).

But there were not enough topographers to go around, he and his colleagues from the army recruited 150 young men, 18-year-old and up, and opened a school of topography. Few of those young topographers are still with Incra but dozens of them are still in Rondonia and Acre, working for private firms, often their own, doing contract work for Incra.

"The only inhabitants of this land were Indians but there were relatively few in such a huge territory," Sylvio said. "Adventurers had come in, making wild claims. It was usually a case of those with the most men and guns hanging onto the biggest chunks."

"When we opened our legal office, we were inundated with claims. There were 24 million hectares of land in Rondonia and there were claims on 20 million."

So far, teams of lawyers have examined the ownership of 14 million hectares and registered 2 million hectares to private owners. Twelve million hectares now belong to Brazil, including 4 million hectares set aside for the Indians.

As the lawyers cleared up land ownership, Incra prepared to bring in settlers. It drew up a five-year scheme to handle 1,000 families a year.

But with the road open and buses pounding up the pot-holed highway from the south and central parts of Brazil, the settlers came in waves that overwhelmed the plans.

Over the years there have been repeated

accusations of government inefficiency and settlers' charges of bureaucratic bungling and corruption.

But Incra has some excuse. Instead of the 5,000 families expected, Incra now has settled more than 20,000 families in Rondonia and it is estimated that another 5,000 families have "invaded" land adjacent to Incra settlements.

Many people living in Rondonia say the number of "spontaneous settlers," as Incra calls them, is really much larger than Incra estimates.

There are charges in Rondonia and also Amazonas and Para, two other Amazonian states where Incra has big settlements along the TransAmazonica Highway, that it neglects its responsibilities, abandoning settlers in remote areas without doctors, or without even simple dirt roads to get in and out of their settlements.

The original settlement plan was to sell each family 100 hectares (250 acres) of land for about \$500, to be paid off in 10 years. Years later, the price has gone up a bit for the same size piece of land because of the cost of marking it out, but it is still well under \$1,000 for 100 hectares, paid over 10 years.

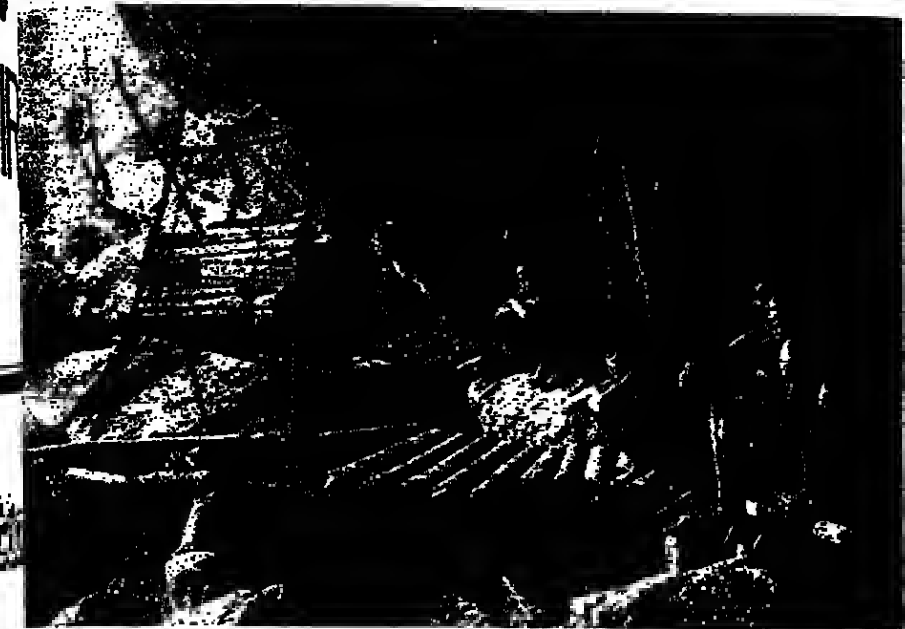
What has provoked the boom as much as the opening up of the roads and cheap land is the generous credit the Brazilian government offers to farmers who make good of the land.



BRAZIL: Brazil's efforts to civilize Amazonian wilderness areas face the threat of backfiring as the rush to procure land causes more problems.

In the last few years, as Brazilian officials try to correct the early mistakes, settlers who cultivate crops which will protect the land get the best credit facilities. Those who plant cocoa or rubber trees, both native to the region, can obtain up to \$3,000 a hectare in

government financing. Land values have skyrocketed. Several of the first small farms in Ouro Preto, bought for a few hundred dollars five or six years ago, have been sold this year for more than \$60,000 each.



WILDERNESS: Brazilian cave-dwellers near log sleeping platform made since they were given knives.

There were so precarious that the only sure way of getting to Rondonia was by air or a riverboat route.

In 1970 there were only 100,000 people in the territory. About the size of the United Kingdom. The Brazilian government, with its then believed to be an ambitious plan, to increase the population to 180,000 by 1980.

Rondonia's population already is 500,000 and the flow of settlers has increased into a flood.

They say the mass colonization and the felling of forests will ruin the fragile soil beneath the canopy of tropical forests, in one generation.

A visitor, the extent and speed of the invasion are frightening. For miles after miles the new roads crisscrossing this

territory, native to the region, will bring back income to the country that once dominated the world's natural rubber market. Coffee will grow here, over suffering from the frost that has hit southern Brazil repeatedly, sending the world's coffee market prices rocketing, and native cocoa trees will grow so fast that within 10 years Rondonia's output will be exceeded in Brazil only by that of Bahia state.

Capt. Sylvio Gonçalves de Faria, 56, a key figure in the transformation, rejects the pessimistic view of ecological damage, though he admits mistakes were made in the early years when peasant farmers grew nothing but the crops they had always grown in more temperate climates.

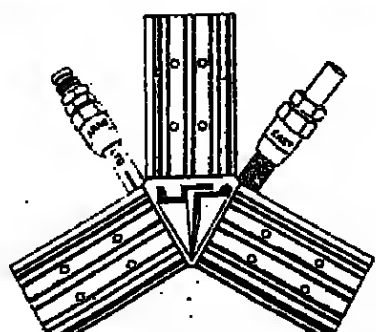
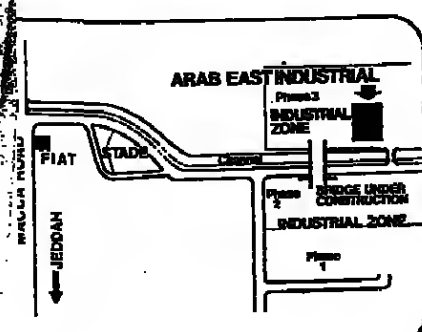
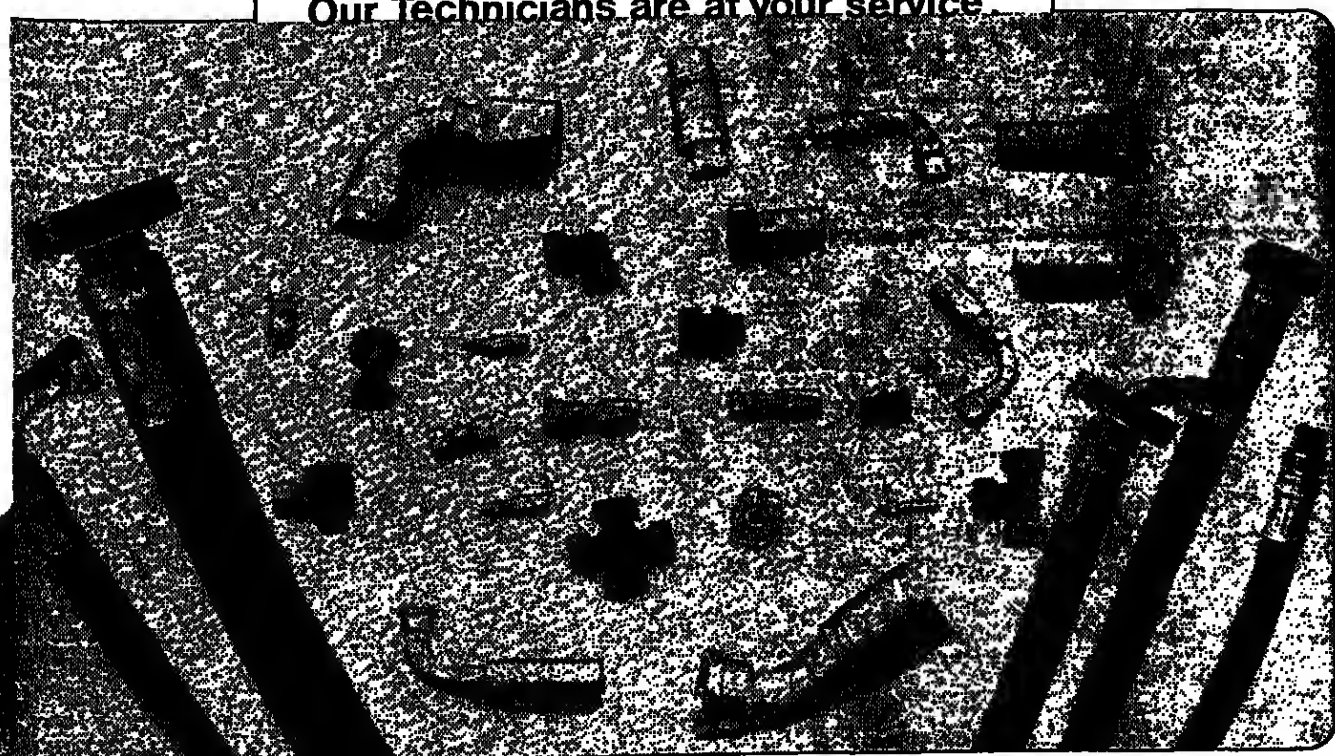
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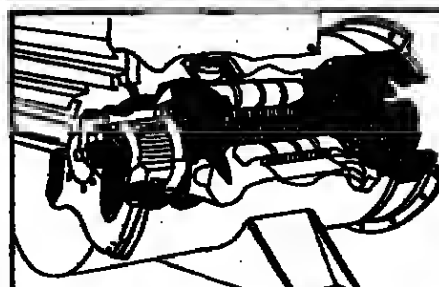
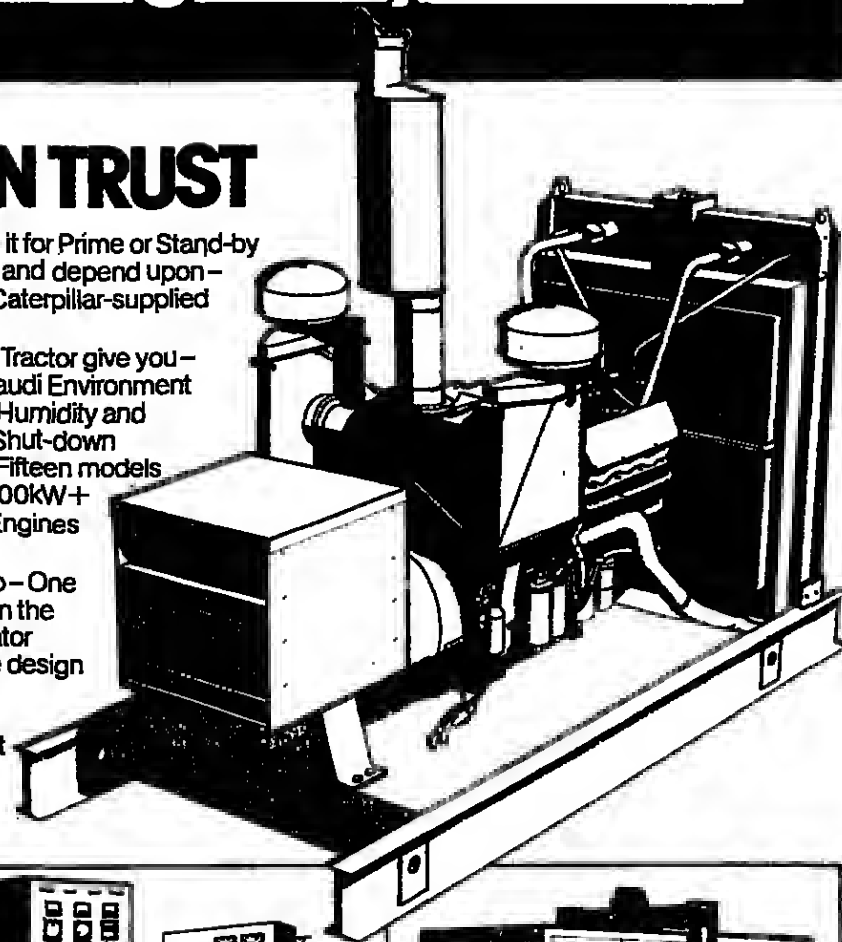
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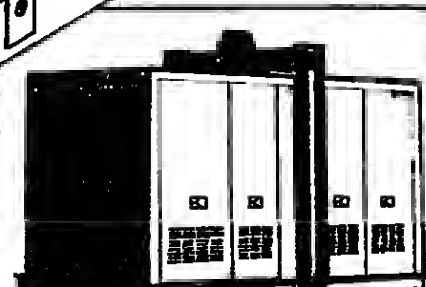
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## OIL SUPPLY SECURITY

It is no exaggeration to say that the question of the oil supplies is at the heart of most of the crises now threatening the peace of the world. The West has long recognized that the security of its oil supplies is a matter of life and death. And the signs are that the Soviet Union, which has for long been self-sufficient, is about to stake its claim to a share, and back it with all the force at its disposal. To some observers at least, the question is no longer whether the Soviets will intervene to effect this, but simply when.

All this ought to be of the gravest and most pressing concern to the oil producers concerned. The Gulf area especially has to prepare itself to the challenging times ahead; and its fate is by all means its sole concern, but that of the Arab nation as a whole. But little of this can be discerned at present, beyond official assurances that the countries of the Gulf can stand on their own feet; that they and nobody else are best guarantors of their security.

This is all very well if the morale of these countries, their sense of national dignity and self-sufficiency, were the sole concern. But, important as this is, far more practical consideration ought to be faced. Events are moving too fast, and a correct policy is one which anticipates them rather than reacts to them after they happen. A joint policy of internal and external security has to be worked out beforehand.

Such a policy cannot be devised on the spur of the moment to meet eventualities as they arise.

The question of the security of the Gulf has three dimensions. The first is the relation to the superpowers, where both have to be made to understand that direct intervention in Gulf affairs, and for whatever reason, will never be tolerated; and that it is interventionism and not its opposite which will threaten the flow of oil. The point will gain credibility only when a viable defense policy is actually hammered out.

And this involves the second, or Arab dimension. For the security of the Gulf is part and parcel of the security of the Arab world at large, the Gulf being a vital area to the Arab nation, of which the people of the Gulf are an integral part.

The third dimension is an internal one. The Gulf states have to strengthen the internal front politically and economically. The military aspect of the defense of the Gulf is only a function of the internal stability of its states, and the extent to which its peoples feel immediately involved in its destiny.

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## Carter in storm over loan to press tycoon

By Anthony Holden

WASHINGTON —

On Tuesday, Feb. 19, Rupert Murdoch, the ebullient proprietor of newspapers in Great Britain, the United States and his native Australia, flew to Washington DC for a morning meeting with senior officials of the Import-Export Bank. He then strolled across Lafayette Square to share a quiet lunchtime hamburger with the president of the United States.

Three days later, on Feb. 22, Murdoch's mass-circulation daily tabloid, the *New York Post*, endorsed President Carter's renomination and urged its readers to vote for him in the New York primary. The president, said the paper, was "a fast learner", with "a renewed appreciation for the fundamental American values."

Less than a week after that, on Feb. 28, the Import-Export Bank gave buried preliminary approval for a \$290 million loan to Murdoch for the purchase of 21 Boeing aircraft, at the eyebrow-raising interest rate of a mere 8 per cent.

Much good did Murdoch's endorsement do the president, who subsequently lost the New York primary to Senator Edward Kennedy by an unexpectedly wide margin. Much more good, it is now being suggested, did his lunch with the president do Murdoch. The chairman of the Import-Export Bank, a presidential appointee, is an old Georgia friend of Carter's by the name of John L. Moore Jr.

The breathless sequence of lunch, endorsement and federal loan was dismissed by the White House last week as purely coincidental. "Yes," Murdoch told me from his Sydney headquarters, "it was a coincidence, a most unfortunate one." So unfortunate, in the eyes of the Senate Banking Committee, that a congressional investigation into the matter is now under way.

A letter to Moore from the committee's chairman, Senator William Proxmire, co-signed by Senator Adlai Stevenson, chairman of its subcommittee on international finance, says that the coincidence "gives an appearance of impropriety, and leaves the impression that a key government agency has been politicized to further the president's reelection."

The plot thickened last week when bank documents, subpoenaed by the committee, showed internal dissent about the loan. "This approach flatters a way bank resources," wrote a senior Treasury official, John D. Lange, in a confidential memorandum. The interest rate, he argued, "should be around 9.25 per cent."

Murdoch continued to protest his innocence of any impropriety. He had been due to lunch with the president last December, he said, but had canceled to fly to Australia on business, to gain a controlling interest in Ansett Airlines. The lunch was rescheduled for February, so he arranged to meet the Import-Export Bank people the same day.

"I did not tell the bank officials I was lunching with the president, nor did I discuss the loan over lunch," the conversation, he said, ranged over foreign policy matters and "private family chat." It was the kind of lunch presidents often set up with newspaper proprietors in election years. "Carter is extremely good in these one-on-one discussions, but I had a much more entertaining lunch with Margaret Thatcher the same week."

Back in Australia, there were mutterings from the prime minister's office. Malcolm Fraser had been in Washington shortly before the Carter-Murdoch lunch, but had been granted rather less of the president's time.

Much of the controversy surrounding the loan hinges on the speed with which it was granted — nine days, compared with an average three-week

deliberation by the bank, a government agency which promotes U.S. exports by arranging federal financing.

In another bank document made public by the Senate Committee, one loan officer complained that he had only 24 hours to get the offer together, and that "the negotiating tactics of Boeing and Ansett should make us very wary of this deal."

What had happened was that on Feb. 24, five days after Murdoch's visit to Washington, Moore had received a telephone call from the U.S. ambassador to Australia, Philip Alston Jr., urging that the loan application be considered with all speed. Alston, another presidential appointee, knew the bank chairman well; he and Moore had been partners in an Atlanta law firm before both had received the summons from the newly elected president in 1977.

The Murdoch airline, Alston explained, had an option to buy the European A300 Airbus, with French financing, instead of the American Boeings. The option would expire on March 1, so the U.S. bank offer had to be made within a matter of days. Moore (who already knew all this) reassured his old

friend that he would use his best endeavors.

At a meeting two days later of the bank's board of directors (three of them Democrats and two Republicans) concern was expressed about the generous terms of the loan, especially in view of the recent rapid climb in interest rates. Further reservations were expressed next day by Treasury officials who had examined the bank's proposals.

The Treasury people were comparing the U.S. offer with the French, which gave Murdoch a choice between a multicurrency loan at 7.95 per cent, and a U.S. dollar loan at 9.25 per cent. One of them concluded: "We could have offered 9 per cent and still have been under the Airbus offer."

Moore replied that he had to undercut the French, or Boeing would lose an important sale. On Feb. 28, the day before the deadline, the bank's board approved the \$290 million loan at rates averaging 8.1 per cent — less than Murdoch had originally asked for, but enough to persuade him to proceed with the purchase of 21 Boeing aircraft, including five wide-bodied 767s.

The Senate Banking Committee, in whose hands

the matter now rests, was reminded last week that in 1976-7, between Carter's election and his inauguration, Moore headed the Carter Ethics Committee, which cleared Bert Lance of any past financial irregularities. Lance, another Georgian friend of Carter, subsequently had to resign as federal budget director, and is now on trial in Atlanta on charges of banking malpractice.

Murdoch conceded last week that it was "thoughtless" of him to have arranged the two meetings on the same day, while maintaining that he had "nothing to hide." In Washington, the affair has simply added to the growing list of federal grants to primary states, strategic presidential appointments, government literature extolling the present administration's record, and other ways in which Carter is proving himself a master of the art of incumbency in election year.

Australians will soon, it seems, be criss-crossing their country in Boeing aircraft purchased by Murdoch with the assistance of the American taxpayer. Unless, that is, he heeds the advice of the *New York Times* columnist William Safire, who recently urged him to reject the American loan. (OFNS)

## Chemical arms race feared

By Ian Mather

LONDON —

A new twist to the arms race is threatened as a result of a decision by NATO to consider equipping its troops with chemical weapons.

The superpowers have been working toward an outright ban on chemical warfare, and there are two reasons for NATO's about-turn.

First there is the clear evidence that the Russians have large stocks of chemical weapons and consider their use an integral part of their battle plans.

Second, and less convincing, there are reports that Soviet troops have been using chemical weapons, particularly, nerve gas, in Afghanistan. These reports derive from rebel sources and have not been substantiated by medical evidence.

What is indisputable is that the Soviet Union has between 80,000 and 100,000 specialist chemical troops, commanded since 1970 by Lt-Gen. (technical troops) V.K. Pikelov.

Their responsibilities include reconnaissance, identification of targets for Soviet chemical strikes and of enemy chemical warfare sites, flame-throwing, smoke generating, and decontamination.

A leading specialist on the Soviet armed forces, Professor John Erickson, director of defense studies at Scotland's Edinburgh University, estimates that as much as 50 per cent of all ammunition for missiles and bombs stockpiled by the Warsaw Pact forces in Eastern Europe is chemical.

Most of these chemical weapons are nerve gases of three types: Tabun, the earliest form of nerve gas, originally produced in Germany before World War II; soman, a later more toxic substance, of which one milligram is lethal if inhaled; and the modern VR-55, similar to agents developed in the United States and at the Porton Defense Research Establishment in Britain before this type of research was halted.

The latter makes gas masks alone useless as a defense. Soldiers and civilians attacked by "V" agent gas would survive only if completely covered with protective clothing.

All three types of gas kill. Their action prevents muscles from relaxing, causing spasms, vomiting, convulsions, coma and death.

The Russians also have stocks of hydrogen cyanide, a highly toxic blood agent which is lethal

for only a few minutes. Delivered by rockets or by aerial spray it would kill enemy soldiers before allowing their equipment and installations to be taken over quickly by the attackers.

The Warsaw Pact armies undertake frequent and prolonged exercises in contaminated environments on around 1,000 ranges, using diluted nitrogen-mustard thinned to produce minor blisters on troops caught without their protective clothing.

NATO has retained small quantities of old nerve gas, but has recently confined its research in this field to defensive techniques.

For the past two years NATO military and air bases have been carrying out regular exercises against chemical warfare attacks. Two weeks ago 1 happened to be at the U.S. Air Force base at Ramstein, south of Frankfurt, when such an exercise took place.

When the alarm sounded office staff scurried to shelters, and for several hours the camp took on a science fiction aspect as troops in masks and protective clothing released aircraft with bombs and missiles. — (OFNS)

## After Reagan took office

By Douglas Ramsey

NEW YORK —

In view of the outcome of numerous primary elections, Western foreign policy pundits must inevitably start thinking the unthinkable: Within months, Ronald Reagan may be president.

Elsewhere, equally conservative politicians are staking claims to top leadership positions. It has already happened in Britain, where Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher commands a solid Tory majority in the House of Commons. In West Germany, Franz-Josef Strauss is given a fighting chance to unseat Chancellor Helmut Schmidt in elections this fall. Then, in December, Japan's Masayoshi Ohira risks losing his post as prime minister to Yasuhiro Nakasone.

All are virtual newcomers to the games nations play. Further, all are on the hawkish, right-of-center wing of their respective conservative parties. For both these reasons, they have traditionally horrified (and been horrified by) the West's foreign policy establishment. Each has a penchant for

strong leadership — and the danger exists that by dint of inexperience, bluster or malice they might, singly or collectively, get the West into more trouble than it is in already.

Are men like Reagan, Strauss and Nakasone condemned to repeat the mistakes of the newcomer of '76, Jimmy Carter?

On the evidence of Mrs. Thatcher's performance so far, that need not be the case. The prime minister came to office last May sporting credentials that were every bit as hawkish as Reagan's are now. Yet she has proved tough but not uncompromising. Gambling on new peace talks to end the Rhodesian civil war, Thatcher confounded many of her own supporters. The gamble has paid off, and Robert Mugabe's election represents a stunning tribute to her instinct for realism — as well as her willingness to delegate principal responsibility in foreign affairs to a forceful, experienced foreign secretary, Lord Carrington.

The clear and present danger is that Reagan as president would emulate Carter rather than Mrs.

Thatcher. Advisers with Reagan on the campaign trail talk of plans to bring in "new faces," but their roster of candidates for top administration jobs runs more to the tired faces of second-ranked officials from past Republican campaigns. In fact, there is no Lord Carrington among them. As a result, the hawks and superhawks in the Reagan entourage could well end up as the Cyrus Vances, Zbigniew Brzezinski and Andrew Youngs of a Reagan administration — that is, pulling in separate directions. By meeting out duties to several competing advisers as Carter did, the final arbiter would by definition be the least experienced in the conduct of foreign policy: Reagan himself.

There is no evidence that he favors this sort of patchwork approach to foreign policy but the men around him do. Fortunately, there is still time. As rival Republican candidates drop out of the race, Reagan may pick up some of their top advisers. One or another of the candidates themselves might make a good take-charge secretary of state: George Bush leaps to mind. (NYT)

## saudi press review

Most newspapers Wednesday led with Tuesday's Council of Ministers meeting. Al meeting Crown Prince Fahd declared that Saudi Arabia does not believe in the policy of pacts and alliances and rejects aggressive interventions. The council reviewed the political situation in the Gulf and the peninsular region it was reported. Other newspapers ran lead stories on political developments in South Yemen and "secret" meetings in Aden to discuss the situation under the chairmanship of the new president Ali Nasser Muhammad.

Al-Jazirah frontpaged a Kuwaiti Foreign Ministry spokesman's reaffirmation that Saudi Arabia is making political and diplomatic efforts to realize a high degree of coordination among the Gulf states. The European states' sanctions against Iran were prominently covered on the front page of Al-Riyadh, Al-Medina front-

paged Washington's denial of press allegations that arms sales to Saudi Arabia had been postponed. Al-Medina also gave front-page coverage to Sweden's reported purchase of the screening rights to *Death of a Princess* to avoid any offense to Islam or Saudi Arabia.

In a big front-page story, Al-Bilad reported that the petrochemicals industry in Jubail will cost \$1.1 billion and will be set up jointly by the Saudi Arabian Basic Industries Corporation (SABIC) and Exxon of the United States. Crown Prince Fahd's donation of 1 million riyals to India's Islamic University of Deoband on its centenary got front-page play in the newspapers.

Newspaper editorials concerned themselves with the Israeli assault on South Lebanon, and with the defamatory attitude toward Islam held by Britain and

other European states. In an editorial, Al-Riyadh said Israel will not stop its histrionics so long as it continues to get support and appreciation from the West, mainly from the United States. The paper said that the conspiracy will continue against Arab and other states which support freedom and justice.

Al-Bilad urged the international community to resist aggression, especially in South Lebanon. Whether it is Lebanon or Afghanistan or Eritrea, aggression threatens international peace and goes against international norms and principles, the paper said. It said that the inactivity of the world community will continue to encourage the Zionists to work against Lebanon's independence, security and stability. The deadlock in the U.N. Security Council debate on South Lebanon indicates that the world body has capitulated to some forces which

think of the world as a club house to suit their tastes, said the paper.

Concentrating on Britain's attitude toward Islam, Al-Medina said it was only an excuse that Britain cannot do anything to stop the Zionist activities against Islam and Saudi Arabia because of the freedom of press in that country. The Scandinavian countries have more press freedom than Britain, as does France but the countries understand the positive role of its press and therefore banned the *Death of a Princess*, said the paper.

The paper expressed appreciation at the stances of these European states and said that Britain has proved its ill-will toward the Arabs.

Dealing with the political situation in the Gulf, Al-Jazirah said the threats now facing the region cannot be isolated from the development of the Middle East crisis. The paper said the two superpow-

ers were active in the region for the realization of their own objectives, but had different standpoints and strategies.

Okaz highlighted the information minister's declaration after Tuesday's meeting of the Council of Ministers that Saudi Arabia does not believe in the policy of pacts and alliances. The paper said this statement stressed the Kingdom's policy of international dealings based on cooperation and strong friendly relations without strings.

Commenting on a possible change of government in Israel, Al-Nadwa said it matters little whether the enemy's government is led by Menachem Begin or his adversary Shimon Peres. It will be futile to think of any constructive change in the enemy, said the paper. It said that the aim of the Zionists is to gain time to hatch fresh conspiracies.



Non-aligned nations in the hands of superpowers.

Al-Bilad

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## Joha embarks for the village

Before embarking on his journey to the next village, Joha counted his donkeys, bending back a finger for each one.

"1, the old grey 2, the stubborn one 3, 4, my half lame one 5, the crooked-car one 6, the lazy 7, my tiny one 8, yon bashful one 9 and 10. Good, you are all here."

Joha was going to sell them all at the market when he arrived at the village.

He hopped on one of the donkeys. Thrashing the air with a switch, he shrieked "Yellah, gidee-ah!" at his charges to start moving.

After plodding midway through the desert,

Joha decided to take inventory. He halted and counted his donkeys once more: "1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9. What? Only 9?"

Joha scrambled off the donkey he was riding.

He stood back to examine and count again. This time he counted 10. Joha rejoiced, "Masballah (God's Wishes) what luck!"

"Well, it is better to walk and have 10 donkeys, than to ride and have only 9."

So Joha walked with his donkeys to the village.

Submitted by Lillian Matarwe

## KIOSK

### JEDDAH

A ladies only soprano and piano recital will take place at the Continental School at 11 a.m., Thursday, April 24. All ladies are welcome.

The Falsaliyah Welfare Society's Annual Party will be held at 8 p.m., Thursday April 24 on the Society's premises. Folklore skits and a play on social themes are part of the program. Tickets cost SR100.

The Jeddah Expo Center is the location for the National Industries Exhibition being organized from April 23 through the 30th. The display includes goods manufactured by more than 50 local firms. The exhibition is open to the public from 5 to 10 p.m.

The Tea Board of India, in order to introduce and popularize iced tea in the Kingdom, will give a free demonstration on how to prepare and serve the drink. The display will occur during a Food Festival at the Indian Embassy in Baghdad from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Cooked Indian food plus a choice of Indian tea and packaged food items flown in from India for the occasion also will be on sale. The entrance price is SR10. Children under 12 will be admitted free.

### RIYADH

The International Association of

Businessmen will meet at 9 a.m. Thursday, April 24, in the Intercontinental Hotel. No guest speaker has been announced yet. All international businessmen are invited.

### DHAHRAN

The comedy "My Three Angels" continues at Jubail Repertory Theater, Camp eight at 7:30 p.m. In reserve tickets call Peter Candler at 833-3000 ext. 4237, Jubail.

Gulf Association for the Social Services is holding a Charity Bazaar and Annual Exhibition at the Al-Gosaili Hotel April 24-25 for men and April 26-28 for women only. The bazaar begins at 2 p.m. daily. For sale are children's wear, ladies' clothes and handmade items.

Malla Badi's Exhibit continues from April 24 through May 1st at the Arab Heritage Gallery. The showing runs from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. daily, and Tuesday's and Thursday's from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. as well. The exhibition is located at Prince Saad Street off Pepsi Cola Road next to Sultan Mosque.

A solar cooling workshop will run from April 27 through 30th. Registration is at the University of Petroleum and Minerals from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Building 4, Room 113. The show is sponsored by the Saudi Arabian National Center for Science and Technology and the U.S. Department of Energy.

## Community News

### JEDDAH

The lingering rainy evenings provided the Minister for the Japanese Embassy, Mr. Toshio Saiki, and Mrs. Saiki, with a chance to entertain dinner guests on Sunday in their delightful bougainvillea garden. Mrs. Saiki prepared a delicious mixture of Western and Japanese delicacies. The latter included sashimi, norimaki rolls and yakitori.

Australian Embassy Assistant Trade Commissioner, John Robert, wife Joanne and daughter Hannah are on a month's vacation in Europe and the United Kingdom. After touring in Italy they plan to relax on a farm in rural England. Next they will visit friends in Sweden, where they were posted before coming to the Kingdom.

Airy original fashions created by Turkish designer, Yildiz Yustun, were shown Tuesday and Wednesday at the home of Mrs. Joan Noto. The 100-per cent cotton garments are imported to the Kingdom by Mrs. Irene Mar-copoli, wife of the general manager of the Taif Sheraton Hotel and sold in her boutique there.

Mrs. Noto described the fashions as ideal for Saudi Arabia as they are cool, washable and not too bare. "They are very comfortable and very attractive," she said "and could easily be worn to evening functions." The fashions are in a variety of styles, some with shawls, with the distinguishing feature being a hand painted floral motif.

The latest entry in the never-ending list of transfers in the Diplomatic Corps is Werner Krebs, Counsellor of the Federal Republic of Germany, who is leaving for Washington, U.S.A. after a stay of over three years in the Kingdom. The Krebs are looking forward to their new post, but are very sorry to leave Jeddah where they had made a wide circle of friends both Saudi and others who will miss them on the local social circuit.

Mrs. Zafarul Islam, wife of the Assistant Secretary General of the Organization of the Islamic Conference held a luncheon party in honor of Mrs. Najamul Saqib Khan, wife of the Pakistani Ambassador to the Kingdom. The Khans have been recently posted to Jeddah. The function was attended by a large number of ladies from the Diplomatic Corps, Islamic Secretariat, PIA, Bank Al Jazira and other local organizations.

Naci Akinci, First Secretary of the Turkish Embassy and his wife Zainab held a barbecue dinner on Wednesday attended by a large number of guests. The Akincis who have been in Jeddah only a few months have already become active on the local diplomatic social scene. They had earlier served in the Turkish Mission in Lyons, France and speak

French fluently.

### DHAHRAN

How three convicts in a Guyana penal colony helped alshopkeeper and his family out of financial difficulty is the story that all Jubail is talking about this week.

This is the plot of the Jubail Repertory Theater's second production, *My Three Angels*, starring John Caldwell, Paul Schabberger and Ken Frost as the convicts, and Mike Engstrom, Paula, Baldwin and Kitty Peterson as the members of the troubled family. Director Andy Straus has been leading rehearsals for the past two months, hoping to equal the success of the group's first production *Armenic and Old Lace*. This classic comedy was watched by more than 1,000 people in Jubail.

Three sparkling musical performances were given this week by the sixth grade at Dhahran Academy. Singing such favorites as *Scarborough Fair*, *These were the Days*, and *Raindrops Keep Falling on my Head*, the youngsters kept their audiences royally entertained.

Among the instrumentalists in the show were Woo Huk Choi, a pianist who played a Korean folksong; Kristina Odling from Sweden, who gave renditions for *What Shall We Do* and *Santa Lucia* on the flute; and American Carrie Garber playing the country and western tunes of *Take Me Home Country Roads* on the guitar.

Leading the students was popular music teacher Valerie Murphy, who has sung with the Santa Fe Opera and toured with them throughout Europe accompanied by the great Igor Stravinsky. Third-grade teacher Patricia Hints was the accompanist.

Sixty girl scouts (including brownies, juniors and cadets) from the University of Petroleum and Minerals enjoyed a sports day on UPM's north compound. Led by Brown Owl's Susan Charman, Pat Parker and Maureen Doyle, the girls of several nationalities had a rollicking time.

### SHARJAH

Egypt's celebrated comedian Adel Imam with a cast of 37 will be featured in the comedy play titled *The Witness Did Not See Anything* opening at the Sharjah Expo center Super Dome on May 1st and will run for five nights.

The play has had a phenomenal success for six consecutive years and has been witnessed by more than three million playgoers, according to the producers United Artists Group. The play will be seen live in the United Arab Emirates for the first time.

Tickets for the show are now on sale through the U.A.E. and are priced from 30 dirhams to 200 dirhams.

## Arab scenes by Englishmen bring high price in London

By Jenny Bagley

LONDON — Paintings of Arab subjects by British artists have recently been fetching high prices at auctions on the London art market. Scenes of places and inhabitants in Middle Eastern countries, Turkey and North Africa as seen through the eyes of Victorian artists and painted in oils and watercolors have been appearing with greater frequency in the last few years in the salerooms of Christie's and Sotheby's.

Last week, for example, a picture of the *Bezeest Bazaar of El Khan Khalil* in Cairo, painted in 1872 by John Frederick Lewis, was sold at Sotheby's in Belgravia in a controversial sale of "Highly Important Pictures" for £80,000. The sale is part of an upsurge of interest in Victorian paintings in general, and the top price that evening was £145,000 for a painting of the Colosseum in Rome by Sir Lawrence Alma-Tadema — five times the last record price for that artist.

The work of John Frederick Lewis is particularly rich in Oriental subjects. He lived in Cairo for ten years between 1841 and 1851 in a beautiful Eastern house where, dressed in the costumes of a pasha, he lived the life of a "languid, intemperate". He was determined to get the smallest details of Arab life right in his paintings and the Bezeest Bazaar reflects this; it shows a wealth of detail and color in the instruments of the musicians, the clothes of the listeners and the architecture of the bazaar.

His paintings of such subjects have been

increasing in value during the last two or three years. In May last year, his oil of *An Intercepted Correspondence, Cairo*, was sold for £220,000 at Christie's — three times the price estimated before the sale, and an auction record for Lewis paintings.

Lewis also traveled in Turkey, as did many other British artists of the time who depicted what they found there with great skill and imagination — but strictly from a Western viewpoint. Richard Dadd, for example, spent two years in the 1840s traveling both on horseback and by boat around the Eastern Mediterranean and through Turkey, Syria, Palestine, Jordan and Egypt.

Despite coming across hazards such as those faced in Jericho when his little party suddenly found themselves surrounded by a band of armed Arab tribesmen, The meo galloped out of the blue with wild gesticulations and brandishing spears led by a sheik "whose black grizzly beard would make capital brushes." Dadd was still able to draw and paint some wonderful scenes such as the *Corn Market in Beirut*, the *Tombs of the Caliphs in Cairo*, a caravan at Mount Carmel and views of Bethlehem.

Like the English sailor in a painting by Evan Hodgson (also sold at Sotheby's last week) shown looking curiously at a group of Arabs seated at the door of a palace, Dadd was *Far From Home* on his travels in Asia Minor. But like so many other Victorian artists he found the landscape, the villages and the people to be "an emporium of artistic wealth." That artistic wealth is now being transformed into a more monetary form on the London art market.



PAINTING: Entitled "Far From Home," this scene was painted by John Evan Hodgson in 1889.

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**Bush beats Reagan****Kennedy wins Pennsylvania**

PHILADELPHIA, April 23 (AP) — Senator Edward M. Kennedy won a narrow victory over President Jimmy Carter Wednesday in the Pennsylvania Democratic presidential primary, matching the upset scored by George Bush in his Republican duel with Ronald Reagan.

Kennedy had claimed victory shortly before midnight and later amended his statement to say he was "really quite optimistic."

With 34 per cent of the Democratic precincts counted, Kennedy's edge was almost 30,000 votes out of 1.2 million cast. Kennedy had 47 per cent of the vote to 45 per cent for Carter.

At the White House, Press Secretary Jody Powell said that even with Pennsylvania, Kennedy would have to capture almost 70

per cent of the Democratic delegates yet to be chosen in order to overtake Carter.

"Tonight, it appears, we have a narrow victory," Kennedy told cheering supporters shortly before midnight in Philadelphia.

Bush beat Reagan 54 per cent to 45 per cent in the popular vote. Reagan, however, said he had won the majority of Pennsylvania's nominating delegates, who were elected separately.

Reagan said he now has, or "can reasonably count on" getting, 90 per cent of the delegates needed to win nomination.

Before Tuesday's primary, Reagan had 411 Republican delegates to 9 for Bush. It takes 988 to win.

"Even this meaningless race here, which does not affect any delegates, can't change that," said Reagan, campaigning in

Lafayette, Indiana. Reagan said "I can't think of a circumstance" under which Bush could overtake him.

Robert Strauss, Carter's national campaign chairman, said it would be "no great victory" for Kennedy to win narrowly.

Strauss claimed Carter would capture 60 of the 77 Democratic delegates at stake Tuesday in party caucuses in Missouri.

Kennedy said he was scoring "a very strong victory" in Vermont's Democratic caucuses. The delegate totals were not certain in either caucus state. Pennsylvania was vital to Bush, the last Republican challenger to Reagan.

Now campaigning in Texas, Bush told enthusiastic supporters there he will now "shift gear" into high speed.

**'He cannot put together'****Carter a 'maze-dull' leader, professor says**

NEW YORK, April 23 (AP) — U.S. President Jimmy Carter has a rational mind — analytical, logical and observant. But he has a defect too, and it is undermining his capability as a leader. So says a student of leadership.

"It is a defect that is seldom offset by experience," said Professor Eugene Jennings, author of *Anatomy of Leadership*, a 1960 study of leadership from the days of the ancient Romans to modern times.

The professor, who spends much of his time counseling top executives of major U.S. corporations, calls the weakness "maze dullness," a term he draws from laboratory observations of rats in an experimental maze. It is characterized, he says, by a low level of intuition, in which lab animals show little ability to sense the route they are shocked. They fail to learn from experience.

"Jimmy Carter can analyze and break problems into parts, and his conclusions follow logically from premises," said Jennings. "But he lacks the ability to synthesize the parts into a creative solution. He can take apart, but he cannot put together in a new orientation."

Intuition is the missing ingredient, says the professor.

Jennings maintains that "in business or government leaders the rational mind is challenged by the intuitive mind, enabling them to reach conclusions even with insufficient facts."

"The intuitive and rational minds constantly work against each other in a harmonious set of checks and balances," he states. "It is seen time after time in successful corporate executives."

Those who have it, he says, can sense



President Carter

their way toward solutions and feel confident about their course. Their confidence is contagious. But those lacking intuition, he has observed, create among others a feeling that they are not masters of events. And for good reason, says Jennings, they are lost in a maze — their followers expect shocks.

Intuition is untaught. It is the ability to trust senses, hunches, feelings, says Jennings. It is the basis of vision and creativity. It is vital to art, he says, and more important to power than is logic.

"The path to problems is strewn with rational managers," the professor states. "Good managers are paid not to be rational but to be effective, which is to be masters of events and people. But this is increasingly incomprehensible to the logical, rational mind devoid of intuition."

Whatever their admirable characteristics, he maintains that rational minds place insufficient priority on experience.

"They believe in the power of logic to make them masters of their jobs. They deny experience. They do not accept the experience of others unless it matches theirs. They take advice poorly."

The logical mind devoid of intuition may have still another weakness, said Jennings.

"One can be logical and not factual," he observes, especially when he or she cannot check the premises. The lack of intuition makes such a person unable to know which facts to accept and which to discard."

Such individuals, whether the rat in the maze or the executive seeking to run a complex operation, are sensed by others to be victims rather than masters of events, says Jennings. "They create uneasiness."

They do not, however, always get blamed, said Jennings, because those around them often cannot understand or accept the defect and so look elsewhere to explain their feelings that things are going poorly.

When the failing exists in top business executives, he said, their companies are always immersed in problems, always reacting to rather than directing events, always playing catch-up.

**Oil shortage 'acute'****Demonstrators blockade Assam banks**

NEW DELHI, April 23 (AP) — Demonstrators blockaded government offices and banks in the northeastern state of Assam Wednesday to protest the presence of alleged aliens.

The United News of India reported from Gauhati, located 500 kilometers northeast of Calcutta, that thousands of Assamese protesters blocked off government institutions and demanded the deportation of alleged illegal immigrants from neighboring Bangladesh.

Thousands have been arrested since the government cracked down last weekend on the agitators. Many were later freed.

However, leaders of the powerful student union and politicians leading the movement remain in prison.

No violence was reported in Wednesday's demonstrations.

UNI also reported that there was an "acute shortage" of petroleum products in Assam, rich in natural resources like oil and tea. The fuel crisis follows the shutdown of an oil refinery in Gauhati and the state's major oil facility.

Indian army troops moved into the main pipeline terminal last Saturday at Narangi near Gauhati after clearing hundreds of pickets. A curfew was also ordered in the area. However, no oil flowed because oil workers stayed off their jobs at the refinery and at Narangi.

The oil employees stayed away from work to protest the arrests of the students. Since last December, pickets have blocked oil deliveries from Assam to other parts of the country.

Under normal conditions, Assam produces nearly half of the total domestic oil production of 15 million metric tons.

The news agency said that most gasoline stations in Gauhati have stopped selling gasoline. It quoted proprietors as saying that they were asked by officials to sell fuel only to police vehicles.

In a related development, the teaching

**Workers turn off Salvador's lights**

SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador, April 23 (AP) — Electric workers demanding higher salaries and protesting "government repression against the working class," shut off the electricity in El Salvador Tuesday, causing a national blackout for two hours.

The blackout began at 7:00 p.m. local time and ended about 9:00 p.m. The power outage caused huge traffic jams in the capital, but police said there were no reports of vandalism or violence.

There was no immediate comment from government officials.

The spokesman, who asked not to be identified,

**Karamanlis presidency bid fails**

ATHENS, April 23 (R) — Greek Prime Minister Constantine Karamanlis' bid for the presidency failed by just 21 votes in a parliamentary ballot Wednesday.

The 300-member parliament, which must elect a new president by May 19 to replace Constantine Tsatsos or fight a general election, now faces two more ballots.

staff of the Gauhati Medical College, Assam's top medical institution, threatened to resign their posts if "the repressive measures taken against the people of Assam were not withdrawn."

The six-month-old popular movement was launched because the Assamese felt their predominantly Hindu culture was endangered by a continuing influx of Muslim settlers from Bangladesh.

The commission, which has some 2,500 members, organized a blackout two years ago that lasted three days.

The spokesman for the Workers Union of the Rio Lemp Executive Commission did not say whether another blackout was planned. He said the union would issue a communique later.

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# Philippine ships collide; 14 lost

MANILA, April 23 (AP) — An inter-passenger ship with at least 960 people aboard sank in a shark-infested central Philippine strait Tuesday night after a collision with an oil tanker. Rescue officials said 14 persons were drowned or missing. The ship, the *Don Juan*, was commanded by the Philippine Coast Guard, said a naval vessel and coast guard craft had rescued 887 survivors. The Manila rescue coordinator said U.S. military flight crews fly observation missions over the area had rescued survivors in the water as late as mid-Wednesday, 12 hours after the collision. The owners of the *Don Juan* said the motor ship carried 878 passengers and a crew of 85 when the collision occurred. That is 963 persons in all, and the discrepancy can be his figures and those of Alejandro unexplained. It was not known whether foreigners were aboard. Several passenger and cargo vessels were in the area of the nighttime collision, and it was said it was possible that many of the 14 could have been rescued. The rescue workers said they feared the *Don Juan* may have taken some first-class passengers to the bottom with it, as sleeping passengers might have found themselves in their cabins. Dr. Limbad, dispatcher for the Philippine National Oil Co., said two PNOOC tankers including the one that rammed the motor *Don Juan*, had recovered 14 bodies. The report said the *Don Juan*'s sister

ship the *Don Julio* pulled three bodies from the water. Limbad said the tankers reported they were bringing 817 survivors to Batangas City, 100 kilometers south of Manila, but that many of the survivors left the port area after the ships docked and the numbers could not be confirmed. "We are attending to the survivors," Limbad said in a telephone interview. "Nobody can tell how many are missing, because officials of the ship to get here." Rescue officials in Manila said they were told the *Don Juan* carried 878 passengers and crew, but the owners told the Philippine News Agency there were 802 passengers and 88 crew. There was no indication whether foreigners were aboard. The *Don Juan* sank in about 300-400 fathoms in the Tablas strait, 20 kilometers southeast of Manila. The collision was on a clear, hot night about 16 kilometers east of the tiny port of Maestre De Campo. Daniel Lacson III, vice president of Negros Navigation, the ship's owner, told PNA one of its radio stations intercepted a radio message from the *Don Juan* after the collision. "Taklid Kami," shouted radio operator Ernesto Alipia, Filipino-language words meaning "We're lying." A survivor, Sonny Carpio, 30 said the ship sank in less than 15 minutes. "We heard a noise like the ship bumped into something," Carpio said by telephone from Batangas City. "There was a commotion. Everybody started to panic."

## Americans allowed to sue officials

WASHINGTON, April 23 (AP) — The Supreme Court on Tuesday strengthened the right to sue for damages when government officials violate a person's U.S. constitutional rights. The ruling clears the way for a \$2-million lawsuit by a woman whose son died in a federal prison. In a 5-4 vote, the justices said government officials can escape defending themselves in such suits only after showing that they specifically have provided an "effective" alternative.

In a landmark ruling in 1971, the Supreme Court said the victim of an unconstitutional search by federal agents could recover damages in a lawsuit based directly on the fourth amendment — even though Congress had not provided a right to sue. Last year in a case involving former U.S. Congressman Otto Passman of Louisiana, the court extended that right to sue a government official without Congress' permission to persons whose due process rights protected by the fifth amendment were violated. By a 7-2 vote, the court Tuesday extended the 1971 and 1979 right-to-sue decisions to the eighth amendment's protection against cruel and unusual punishment of federal prisoners.



SHOT: A Cuban refugee ponders his future in a Costa Rican transient center. He said he was shot in the hand while inside the Peruvian embassy in Havana last week.

## Cubans defy law, sail for U.S.

MARIEL, Cuba, April 23 (AP) — Boats manned by Cuban exiles from Florida headed for the United States Tuesday with more than 200 refugees from the Peruvian embassy in Havana aboard.

Despite the warnings of U.S. officials that the transfer was illegal, about 10 more boats were in the harbor at Mariel — about 20 miles from Havana — planning to make the same trip. There was no indication when they would leave.

The 10 boats were to carry more than 300 refugees who "have been authorized to leave Cuban territory," said a Havana radio broadcast monitored in Miami.

The refugees would join 47 other refugees from the embassy who were taken by boat to Key West, Florida Monday. That group spent

the night at an old naval base. Some left by bus Tuesday for processing by immigration officials.

About 10,000 Cubans streamed into the Peruvian embassy about two weeks ago, seeking to leave the country. The United States has agreed to accept 3,500 of them and Cuban officials are considering a Costa Rican offer of asylum for the rest. So far, 692 have flown to Costa Rica.

Cuban exiles in Florida have sent a total of 50 boats to Cuba in a private mission to speed the emigration.

## Fears nuclear attack

# Australia balks at bases

CANBERRA, April 23 (WP) — The determination of President Carter and Australia's Conservative Prime Minister Malcolm Fraser to boost the West's military presence in the Indian ocean has triggered a new debate in Australia over the risks of military links with the United States. The opposition Labor Party leader, Bill Hayden, has charged that Fraser, by offering a base in the state of Western Australia for U.S. nuclear-armed vessels, would "convert the region, including the city of Perth, into a potential prime nuclear target" in the event of Soviet-American confrontation.

"The Labor party strongly supports the American alliance," Hayden said. "But the alliance has never before extended to the point of providing permanent bases in peacetime for American military forces."

During a recent visit to Washington to discuss the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan, Fraser offered the United States use of the new naval base at Cockburn Sound as either a "home port" or "base port" for American nuclear aircraft carriers and other warships from Indian Ocean task forces.

He said the offer was "put on the basis that the United States would consider it and come and speak with us at the appropriate time when it had made up its mind. Considerable investment would probably be required for the kind of facilities needed and that would involve United States expenditure."

"But we have also indicated that we are prepared to consider participation in that expenditure if a proposal from the United States is made in a formal way."

Fraser distinguished between the two types of base expansion envisaged by pointing out that if Cockburn Sound became an American navy "home port," American families would be based there and family housing would have to be built.

Even a "base port" would need substantial expenditures hundreds of millions of dollars, according to Australian officials to set up the naval facilities and technological support systems to service sophisticated American ships and weapons systems.

The Australian offer was first revealed by the Washington correspondent of the Australian financial review, Brian Toohy, who said that Fraser made it during a meeting at Blair House on Jan. 30 with U.S. defense officials led by deputy Defense Secretary W. Graham Claytor. Toohy reported that Fraser "came on as such a vigorous hawk" that the Pentagon was encouraged to upgrade its requests to Australia.

Fraser and Defense Minister Jim Killen acknowledged what is electoral dynamite in Australia in a year when Fraser faces a national election — that his government was opening the door for Washington to set up a permanent military base in Australia.

Fraser's offer touches an emotional issue here by focusing on a conflict between Australia's obligations under the formal Anzus treaty linking it with the United States and New Zealand and its desire for completely independent sovereignty.

The Australian naval base at Cockburn Sound was commissioned last year, more than 75 years after West Australians began agitating to have some sort of defense facility in their immensely rich but isolated and underpopulated state. With an area of nearly a million square miles and vast deposits of minerals, Western Australia even now has a population of only 1.4 million.

But to gain maximum electoral impact from the \$100 million base, the national government built it on the outskirts of the State's only urban complex — Perth and its port state line of Fremantle.

The introduction of nuclear weapons near a major urban center is likely to become an election issue.

The opposition leader and other moderates in the Labor Party, which has a strong core of ideological socialism and an element of anti-Americanism, have been careful to avoid any declaration that they would ban American ships from Cockburn Sound. But they left no doubt that they would try to prohibit nuclear weapons from being carried into the port or stored there.

In several modern elections in Australia, Labor has lost votes after the Conservatives managed to pin an anti-American tag on it. Labor was opposed to the construction of the two important American bases now on Australian soil and most observers are convinced that their attitude hurt Labor.

But in the earlier cases, there was no question of risk to large Australian populations or any question of nuclear weapons being brought into Australian harbors.

## S. Africa police, 'coloreds' clash

JOHANNESBURG, April 23 (AP) — Police fired a shot into the air and then baton-charged a group of 500 students Wednesday in the worst incident in a weeklong, nationwide school boycott, the South African Press Association reported.

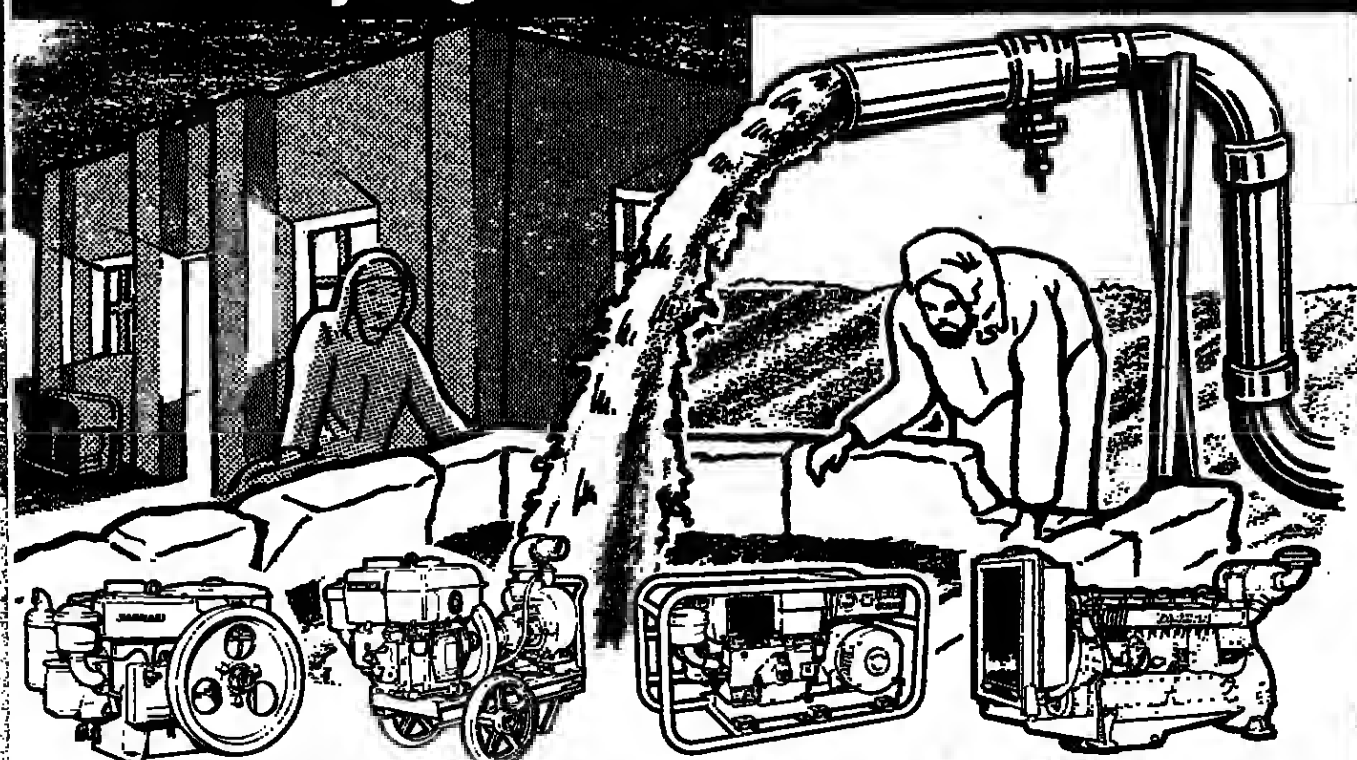
Police were trying to break up a meeting of "colored" high school students who joined the protest, the agency said. "Colored" is the term used by South Africa's apartheid government to refer to people of mixed race.

The students were demanding improvements in educational facilities to bring them up to the standards of the ruling white minority. The government is said to spend more than four times as much money on white students than on colored students.

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## Iraq to balance gap from Iran oil cutoff

KUWAIT, April 23 (AP) — Iraq's oil minister stated Wednesday his country would maintain a balance between supply and demand in the world market in the eventuality of a possible cutoff of Iranian oil supplies.

Asked whether Iraq would increase its own production to meet any shortage created by an Iranian cutoff, the minister, Tayeb Abdul Karim replied:

"Iraq is pursuing a well defined production

policy based on its need for finance to meet the cost of its projects and to honor its commitments toward sister and friendly nations throughout the world.

"Iraq is keen on creating a practical equilibrium between international supply and demand, but it opposes any artificial or natural supply surplus in the world market which could affect prices decided by OPEC member states."

Abdul Karim was speaking to newsmen before his departure for Baghdad for a one-day visit.

He said his talks with his Kuwaiti counterpart Sheikh Ali Khalifa Al-Sabah dealt with matters of mutual interest and their cooperation in the field of oil.

"The talks also dealt with cooperation inside OPEC in a way that would support OPEC's role in protecting the interests of the oil producers and developing countries, in reunifying oil prices and supporting third world countries in their dialogue with industrialized nations," he added.

Abdul Karim said Iraq is "against any jumps in oil prices or the freezing as long as inflation in industrialized countries continues to soar at the present rate and the dollar continues to fluctuate."

"Iraq supports a gradual increase in oil prices, taking into account the rate of inflation and the reduction in the dollar's value, things that directly affect the purchasing power of oil incomes," he added.

### Price agreement fails

TOKYO, April 23 (AFP) — Nichimen, one of the Japanese oil importers now negotiating with Iran on oil import prices, has failed to reach an agreement with the state-run National Iranian Oil Company (NIOC), Nichimen announced Tuesday.

Nichimen said that NIOC criticized the Japanese company for not accepting the Iranian-proposed price of \$35 per barrel not on a commercial basis but for political reasons to impose economic sanctions against Iran.

## Al-Khalifa blasts oil company gains

KUWAIT, April 23 (AP) — Qatar's Oil Minister Sheikh Abdul Aziz Al-Khalifa was quoted Wednesday as accusing international oil companies with "reaping large illegal profits."

"Qatar is selling its oil at \$29 a barrel at a time when it is being sold for a price as high as \$43 per barrel in the spot markets of Japan, Rotterdam and New York," Khalifa was quoted as saying in an interview with Kuwait's *Al-Rai Al-Aam* newspaper.

"The sole beneficiaries of such very high prices are the international oil companies which reap large amounts of illegal profits by exploiting OPEC's low prices," the paper quoted the Qatari minister as saying.

The minister was quoted as saying Qatar has no plans to increase its current oil production of half a million barrels per day.

He was quoted as predicting that the bi-annual conference of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries in Algiers in June "will help restore order to the chaotic world oil market."

"I think stability will prevail in the world market in view of the development of a surplus as a result of increased stock-piling and the end of winter."

He was also quoted as predicting that "the emergence of such a surplus in the international oil market will help OPEC in unifying oil prices, which will be the main objective of the (Algiers) meeting."

### Foreign Exchange Rates

Quoted at 8:00 P.M. Wednesday

	SAMA	Cash	Transfer
U.S. Dollar	3.33	3.35	3.35
Pound Sterling	7.47	7.55	7.55
Deutsche Mark (100)	179.00	182.00	181.80
Swiss F (100)	192.00	195.00	194.70
French F (100)	77.00	78.50	78.20
Italian Lira (10,000)	38.00	38.50	38.70
Lebanese Lira (100)	—	97.50	97.35
Syrian Lira (100)	—	77.50	87.00
Egyptian Pound	—	4.23	4.40
Kuwaiti Dinar	—	12.25	12.20
Jordanian Dinar	—	10.94	10.90
Emirates Dirham (100)	—	89.80	89.80
Qatari Riyal (100)	—	91.00	91.00
Bahraini Dinar	—	8.87	8.87
Iranian Riyal (100)	—	—	—
Iraqi Dinar (100)	—	—	—
Yemeni Riyal (100)	—	73.75	73.25
Moroccan Dirham (100)	—	81.50	84.60
Indian Rupee (100)	—	—	42.20
Pakistani Rupee (100)	—	—	33.90
Turkish Lira (1000)	—	45.45	—
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Japanese Yen (1,000)	13.33	—	13.50
Canadian Dollar	2.81	—	—
Belgian Franc (1,000)	112.00	—	—
Dutch Guilder (1,000)	163.00	—	165.50
Spanish Peso	—	50.00	48.00
Greek Drachma (1,000)	—	82.00	—
Philippines Peso (1,000)	—	—	45.50
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### 34,000 dismissed by Big 3

## Chrysler layoff hits 6,900

DETROIT, Michigan, April 23 (AP) — Chrysler Corporation will lay off 6,900 employees "over the next few weeks" because of slow sales, the automaker said Tuesday.

Chrysler said both factory and office workers would be laid off but did not specify how many in each sector.

Nor could the company say what communities would be affected. "I do not have a geographic breakdown," said spokesman Doug Nicol.

Nicol did say the workers to be furloughed would be "other than the production folks." The layoffs are "a necessary response to the deteriorating market for all cars and trucks," Chrysler said in its announcement.

The smallest of the big three U.S. auto manufacturing companies was the last to announce extensive layoffs in the current recessionary nosedive. Relatively speaking, they were the heaviest.

General Motors said it is adding 12,000 production workers to the roll of 80,000 on indefinite layoff. GM also has let 12,100 office workers go. The No. 1 producer had

452,000 in its production force last summer.

A day earlier, Ford Motor Company said it was letting 6,100 office workers and 8,900 production workers go. Ford dismissed 43,200 on indefinite layoff. Ford had about 192,000 in its production force last summer.

Chrysler currently has 42,400 production workers on indefinite layoff. Its active factory payroll totals about \$9,800. The company has reduced office employment by 8,000 through layoffs, resignations and retirements since last summer and now has about 30,700 in that category.

Also in Detroit, Profits of General Motors Corporation fell to \$155 million in the first three months of the year, the largest U.S. automaker said Tuesday. That was a plunge if 88 per cent from the first quarter of last year.

That amounted to 52 cents per share of common stock compared with \$4.39 per share in last year's first quarter, when profits were \$1.26 billion.

Worldwide revenue fell 12 per cent from \$17.9 billion to \$15.7 billion. Vehicle sales to dealers fell from \$2.47 million to \$2.03 million, an 18 per cent drop.

Chairman Thomas A. Murphy and President Elliott M. Estes said in the earnings statement that profits were hurt by "continuing sales incentive campaign expenses, higher special tool amortization and by operating inefficiencies" resulting from production cutbacks.

Profits will be hurt "over the near term" because of inflation, economic uncertainty, high interest rates and high fuel prices, they said.

## Britain to aid Sudan

LONDON, April 23 (R) — Britain is to give \$134 million to the Sudan for the construction of power stations, Overseas Development Minister Neil Marten said Tuesday.

The total cost of the World Bank project will be \$276 million.

## Market holds all-day high

The market opened sharply higher Tuesday morning and remained strong throughout the day. Volume was relatively high at 48 million shares although not quite the level of previous stampedes. Breadth was very positive as advances exceeded declines by a 5-to-1 ratio. At the close at DJIA was higher, up 30.89 to 790.02. In addition the DJIU bounced more than a point and finished at 107.03. The AMEX was also higher in moderate trading. The DJ trans rose 8.23 to 243.43.

A number of stocks showed significant point gains at day's end. These included Superior Oil 1 1/2 to 40 1/2, Honeywell 7 1/2 to 38 1/2, General Dynamics 6 1/2 to 53 1/2, Hughes Tool 5 1/2 to 54 1/2, Texas Instruments 1 1/2 to 39 1/2, Union Pacific 7 1/2 to 35 1/2, Procter & Gamble 1 1/2 to 34 1/2, S&P 500 Ind. 98 1/2 to 99 1/2, Raytheon 6 1/2 to 44 1/2, and Teletronics 9 1/2 to 44 1/2.

Energy stocks were up sharply. Atlantic Richfield rose 4 1/2 to 67 1/2, Getty Oil added 3 1/2 to 75 1/2, Mesa Petroleum advanced 2 1/2 to 54 1/2, Gulf was up 3 1/2 to 40 1/2, Mobil rose 3 1/2 to 73 1/2, Exxon added 2 1/2 to 50 1/2, Halliburton added 2 1/2 to 91 1/2, Schlumberger advanced 3 1/2 to 105 1/2, Texas Oil and Gas was ahead 1 1/2 to 27 1/2.

Aerospace stocks were strong. Boeing rose 2 1/2 to 36 1/2. North-

rop advanced 1 1/2 to 40 1/2, Raytheon was up 4 1/2 to 44 1/2.

In transportation, Burlington Northern rose 1 1/2 to 37 1/2, Norfolk and Western was up 1 1/2 to 38 1/2, Southern advanced 2 1/2 to 36 1/2. In the airlines, Northwest rose 3 1/2 to 33 1/2.

Precious metals stocks were up. ASA advanced 1/2 to 38 1/2, Homestake climbed 1/2 to 42 1/2, Fleet Mining rose 1/2 to 25 1/2. In other metals Kaiser advanced 1 1/2 to 19 1/2, Alcoa rose 1 1/2 to 54 1/2, Reynolds rose 1 1/2 to 29 1/2, Newmont was up 2 1/2 to 34 1/2.

In the growth stock area, drug stocks, Abbott Labs rose 1 1/2 to 39 1/2, Merck advanced 3 1/2 to 67 1/2, Schlumberger climbed 2 1/2 to 50 1/2, Avon rose 1 1/2 to 34 1/2 in cosmetics. In photography, Eastman Kodak was up 2 1/2 to 48 1/2 with Compuserision rising 4 1/2 to 47 1/2.

Technology stocks were firm. Burroughs was up 3 1/2 to 66 1/2, Xerox added 2 1/2 to 51 1/2, IBM advanced 2 1/2 to 54 1/2, Sperry rose 2 1/2 to 44 1/2, Motorola added 2 1/2 to 43 1/2, National Semiconductor was up 2 1/2 to 19 1/2.

In the consumer growth sector, Federated advanced 1/2 to 23 1/2, Sears advanced 1/2 to 16 1/2, Philip Morris was ahead 1 1/2 to 36 1/2, Procter and Gamble was up 1 1/2 to 60 1/2, Safeway rose 1 1/2 to 29 1/2, American Broadcasting climbed 1 1/2 to 28 1/2 with CBS 2 1/2 to 27 1/2 in the media sector.

Basic industry stocks moved ahead. In steel, Inland was up 1/2 to 36 1/2, Monrovia was up 1 1/2 to 43 1/2, International was up 1/2 to 34 1/2 in the paper, In forest products, Bowe Canada was ahead 1 1/2 to 30 1/2. In housing-related area, Lone Star advanced 1/2 to 24 1/2, Financial Federation was up 1/2 to 22 1/2. In autos, GM was up 1 1/2 to 41 1/2 with Ford at 23 and Chrysler rising 1/2 to 5 1/2.

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## Food takes biggest jump U.S. inflation nears 18%

WASHINGTON, April 23 (AP) — Inflation in America surged at a near record 18 percent annual rate for a third straight month in March as consumer prices advanced sharply across a broad range of goods, from food to clothing, the government reported Tuesday.

The steep 1.4 per cent rise in consumer prices during March, matching the January and February increases, came even as the economy was believed to have entered a recession. However, government and private economists said the weakening economy would not ease inflationary pressures at the consumer level for several months.

The latest rise in the consumer Price Index produced a record drop in the purchasing power of an average wage earner during the previous 12 months, but it also brought a 14.3 per cent cost-of-living increase for the nation's 35 million Social Security recipients.

In March, price increases over gasoline, other energy products, and medical care were the smallest this year. At the same time, inflation worsened in other areas, suggesting that sharp rises limited mainly to energy and

interest rates were now spilling over the rest of the economy.

Food prices jumped 10 per cent, almost double the rate of virtually no change.

R. Robert Russell, director of the President's Council on Wage and Price Stability, told a congressional committee that the inflation rate would continue at about an 18 per cent annual rate for another few months, that the Carter administration is still looking for a "marked decline" in the rate by late next year.

Russell added that he is disturbed by the rise in the "underlying" rate of inflation — price rises for goods other than volatile items such as energy, interest rates and food.

Through the first three months of the year, inflation at the consumer price level was humming at an 18.1 per cent annual rate, the highest for a three-month period since early 1951, when the rate was 21.6 per cent.

The administration predicts that inflation for all of 1980 will equal last year's rate of 13.3 per cent, which was the largest since removal of wartime wage and price controls in 1946 resulted in 18.1 per cent inflation.

## Iran rejects alternate IMF fund

HAMBURG, West Germany, April 23 (AFP) — Iran Wednesday rejected plans for the creation of a "substitution account for the International Monetary Fund (IMF) intended to mop up part of the huge dollar balances held outside the United States."

Addressing a ministerial meeting of the Third World caucus of the IMF and the World Bank, Iranian Central Bank Governor Alireza Nobari also strongly criticized the IMF for failing to protest against President Carter's move last November freezing Iranian assets held in U.S. banks. The freeze was introduced after Islamic students seized more than 50 hostages of the U.S. embassy staff in

Tehran as hostages.

Nobari dismissed the substitution account project on the grounds that it would not contribute to international monetary reform, conference sources said. He said the IMF should review quotas that determine the rights of the 140 member countries.

The United States must be deprived of "blocking minority" that it enjoys at present, reliable sources quoted him as saying.

They said Algeria's Central Bank Governor Seghir Mostefaoui backed the Iranian view on the substitution account. Ethiopia was reported to have supported several proposals by the minister.

## Australia oil sector 'sacred'

SYDNEY, Australia, April 23 (AP) — Oil drilling on Aboriginal sites in Western Australia violates an international agreement, a report by the United Nations Association of Australia says.

The association called Tuesday for a three-year moratorium on mining at Noonkalah Station in the Kimberleys where all sacred sites have been mapped.

The report says the drilling violates the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, which says ethnic, religious or linguistic

minorities should not be denied the right to enjoy their own culture and profess their religion.

The Western Australian government is attacking the Aboriginal community for its very source — the land — by permitting the drilling," the report says.

It also calls on the federal government to set up a royal commission into aboriginal rights.

The Noonkalah people have expressed opposition to the drilling by Amex Corp. the United States on their station.

## Chase reduces lending rate to 19%

NEW YORK, April (AP) — Chase Manhattan Bank, the third largest U.S. commercial bank, reduced its prime lending rate 1/2-point Wednesday to 19 per cent.

In money markets have fallen recently, demand for loans has been declining in face of worsening American economic high borrowing costs.

It was the third time in a week that Chase has reduced the base rate it charges on commercial loans. Analysts had predicted further reductions in the prime because interest rates

The prime rate is generally the lowest banks charge their best corporate customers. But it also is a widely followed indicator of interest rates in general.

## Saudi Arabian Government Tenders

Authority	Description	No. of Tender	Price SR	Cut Date
Directorate General of Telegraph & Telex, Jeddah	Offices for out-going cables and telex messages to Jeddah	1	50	May
" "	Repairs to Telegraph & Telex building in Taif	2-19/400	50	May
Directorate of Education, Medina	Supply of sports gear and uniforms	17		May
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## West German Cabinet votes boycott support

BONN, West Germany, April 23 (AP) — West Germany's Cabinet formally recommended Wednesday that the country's sports federations vote to boycott the Moscow Olympics in protest over the Soviet occupation of Afghanistan.

Following the cabinet meeting, Chancellor Helmut Schmidt was to address the Bundestag, or lower house of Parliament, on the Olympic issue.

Last week government spokesmen said the Schmidt government had decided to go on record in favor of the U.S.-sponsored boycott rather than delay an announcement until nearer the May 24 deadline for accepting Olympic invitations.

The recommendation, however, is non-binding. The West German National Olympic Committee is scheduled to vote on sending a team during its May 15 meeting in Dusseldorf.

Its decision is expected to influence other Western European countries still uncommitted on the controversial boycott.

Schmidt had been an early critic of the boycott, terming it a cosmetic measure that did little to change the strategic balance between East and West.

But the chancellor, who is up for reelection this fall, found himself under growing pressure from the U.S. administration and political opponents to display public solidarity with Washington.

Recent polls have also shown a strong surge of support for the boycott among West Germany's 62 million people. A survey

released Wednesday by the Geras Opinion Institute found that 52 per cent of those questioned opposed sending a German team to Moscow, with 42 per cent in favor.

A survey published April 15 by the Wicket Institute revealed 87 per cent approval for the boycott.

Despite popular support, President Jimmy Carter's call holds little appeal for West German athletes and sports officials.

Athletes staged a torchlight parade through Dortmund late Monday urging that they be allowed to participate in Moscow. The magazine *Quick* reported this week that a majority of those on the German NOC would like to compete.

And on Wednesday, August Kirsch, president of the Track and Field Federation, called for sending a team to Moscow.

But Willi Daume, committee president and a strong personal opponent of the boycott, said his group would find it hard to resist both public opinion and the government's wishes.

Last weekend, Willie Weyer, President of the German Sports Federation, told an Osnabruck newspaper he does not expect to see a West German team in Moscow this summer.

The growing opposition to the games has led to an increase in cancellations by West Germans who had been booked to Moscow on tours this year.

Gerd Leidinger, spokesman for the German Travel Bureau, said in a radio interview that as of Wednesday, about 800 of the 7,100 customers who had booked tours with his firm had canceled.

As a result, he said, the Soviet tourist agency had extended the deadline for cancellations without refund from April 25 to May 25.

In Tokyo, the Japan Olympic Committee confirmed Wednesday that it favored Japan's participating in the Olympic Games in Moscow "in principle."

The confirmation came at a standing committee session of the JOC, which met for 1½ hours of discussion on whether to participate.

The JOC said it expects the 22nd Olympics to be held under circumstances that will enable young people of the whole world to assemble and compete in friendship and peace and said it confirms its policy of participating in the games in principle.

## Gambia joins boycott, urges CSSA reversal

BANJUL, Gambia, April 23 (AFP) — Gambia's National Olympic Committee decided Wednesday to boycott the Moscow Olympics unless "a significant change takes place in the Afghanistan situation by May 22."

The committee also appealed to other African countries to reconsider their decision, taken earlier this year in Yaounde, Cameroon, when the Supreme Council of African Sport voted to compete in the Olympics.

## Frankfurt team makes football finals

FRANKFURT, April 23 (AFP) — Eintracht Frankfurt Tuesday night qualified to play fellow West German first division club Borussia Moenchengladbach in the UEFA Cup final when they defeated Bayern Munich 5-1 after extra time in Tuesday's return semi-final clash.

At full time, Frankfurt led 2-0. Bayern Munich won the first semi-final by the same score.

Scorers for Frankfurt were Pezzy, Karger

and Lorient. Bayern Munich's goal was scored by Frennler in the 104th minute.

Referee for the match, watched by 50,000 spectators, was M. MacGinlay of Scotland.

Earlier in Tuesday's other all-German semi-final, Borussia Moenchengladbach beat Stuttgart 2-0. Stuttgart won the first leg 2-1 to give Moenchengladbach a 3-2 aggregate victory.

Half-time score was 1-0.



OLYMPIC SUPPORT: Australian former Olympic gold medalist swimmer Dawn Fraser nails a huge Olympic insignia onto a telegraph pole outside her hotel in Sydney in support of the Moscow Olympics.

## Cubs maul Cardinals 16-12

NEW YORK, April 23 (AP) — Barry Foote cracked two others, including a grand slam with two out in the ninth inning, to power the Chicago Cubs to a 16-12 victory Tuesday over the St. Louis Cardinals.

Foote's first homer, a solo shot, tied the game 12-12 in the eighth. In all, Foote drove in eight runs with four of the Cubs' 23 hits.

Also homering for Chicago was Ivan DeJesus, who had five hits. In addition to his homer, DeJesus had a single, double and triple — hitting for the cycle — and drove in two runs.

Bobby Bonds, Ken Reitz and pitcher Bob

Forsch homered for the Cards, who had 16 hits. Bonds had for RBI.

Elsewhere in the National League, Mike Easter hit a three-run homer and a solo shot, and the Pittsburgh Pirates downed the Montreal Expos 5-3.

In the American League, 20-year-old left-hander Britt Burns and Mike Proly combined for a six-hit shutout as the Chicago White Sox blanked the Boston Red Sox 2-0.

Roy Smalley and Hosken Powell each homered, driving in two runs apiece, to power Minnesota to an 8-1 victory over the California Angels in the Twins' home opener.

## Czechs near No. 2 spot in hockey

GOETEBORG, April 23 (AFP) — Czechoslovakia took a step closer to finishing runners-up to the Soviet Union in the pre-World Ice Hockey Championship Tournament when they scored a 5-2 victory over Finland Tuesday.

Sweden won Tuesday's other match when they defeated Canada.

## Average baseball salary \$149,700

NEW YORK, April 23 (AP) — The average salary for a major league baseball player for the 1988 season is \$149,700, according to a statement released Tuesday by the Major League Baseball Player Relations Committee.

The committee's director is Ray Grebey, who also is the chief representative of the owners in their negotiations with the players association over a new contract. Those talks are scheduled to resume May 6. The players have said if no agreement is reached by May 22, they will go out on strike the following day.

The average salary of \$149,700, based on the 25-man opening day rosters of the 26 teams, represents an increase of 23 per cent

over last season's average of \$121,900, according to the statement issued by the management committee.

Since 1976, salaries have gone up 191 per cent, according to the statement, while the cost of living has risen 32 per cent.

"When these salaries are considered ... it is difficult to understand why there should be a players' strike," said Grebey. "When the baseball negotiations are viewed in the backdrop of what is happening in the economy and to the workers and fans who enjoy baseball, a conclusion must be reached that there is no reason for an interruption in the baseball season."

## Films, videotapes to be checked Marathon inquiry starts

BOSTON, April 23 (R) — Officials of the Boston Marathon Tuesday began an investigation into Monday's surprise victory among women runners by Rosie Ruiz, an unknown from New York.

"We have no concrete evidence against her right now, but we will be checking films, videotapes and records from each of our checkpoints along the course," said Will Cloney, director of the Boston Athletic Association, which sponsors the event.

The investigation will take about a week, he said.

Questions about whether Ruiz, a 26-year-old administrative assistant, had run the full 26-mile, 385-yard race arose as soon as the wreath was placed on her head on Monday afternoon.

"She didn't seem to know much about running as we talked," said Bill Rodgers, the men's winner. "I couldn't help noticing she didn't even look tired. She didn't look like a runner should after a marathon."

The second and third place finishers among the women both said they did not see Ruiz pass them during the race.

Although Ruiz could not be reached, her employer and fellow runner, John Emptage said: "I just can't conceive of Rosie not running the full distance. She's been training more than 100 miles a week. Someone who walks around the office with weights on her feet has to be serious."

Cloney said if a discrepancy is found during the investigation, all officials would be able to do is rewrite the record books for the women

runners. He said they would be unable to recover the diamond-studded medal that was given.

Jacqueline Gareau of Montreal, Penn. Lyons of Boston, and Gillian Adams of Britain, second, third and fourth, would advance one spot each if Ruiz is disqualified, Cloney said.

## Borg beats Pfister

LAS VEGAS, April 23 (AFP) — Sweden's Bjorn Borg confirmed his position as number one seed in the \$300,000 Grand Prix of Tennis tournament Wednesday by beating American Hank Pfister 6-3, 7-5 in the first round.

Second-ranked John McEnroe conceded a set to compatriot Stan Smith but still won 6-3, 3-6, 7-6.

In other first round results, Roscoe Tanner (USA) beat Tomas Smid Czech, 7-5, 6-1. Brian Teacher (USA) beat John Sedri (USA) 6-1, 6-3.

## 2nd French athlete dies of heart attack

GYON, France, April 23 (AFP) — An amateur French football player died Tuesday from a heart attack suffered while playing a match at Oulins, only one day after former French Football International star Omar Sahnoun died of a heart attack during a training session with his Bordeaux club.

Raymond Mary, 42, from Lyon, collapsed during the match and could not be revived.

The Algerian-born Sahnoun was 24 years old.

## British federations still aim at Moscow

LONDON, April 23 (R) — The British and Irish Basketball Federation (BIBF) has not yet decided whether it will send teams to the Moscow Olympics.

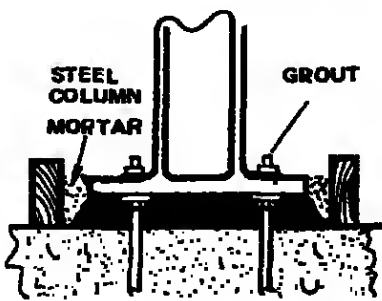
In a statement Tuesday it said, "it is the present intention of the BIBF for the British Basketball teams to participate in Moscow if successful in the men's qualifying tournament in Switzerland and in the Women's in Bulgaria from May 5-18."

"It is noted, however, that a final decision does not have to be made until May 24, and the Federation reserves the right to review the situation after the qualifying tournament."

The men's team coach, American Norman Sloan, has taken a similar position, and he will reconsider his appointment if the team qualifies.



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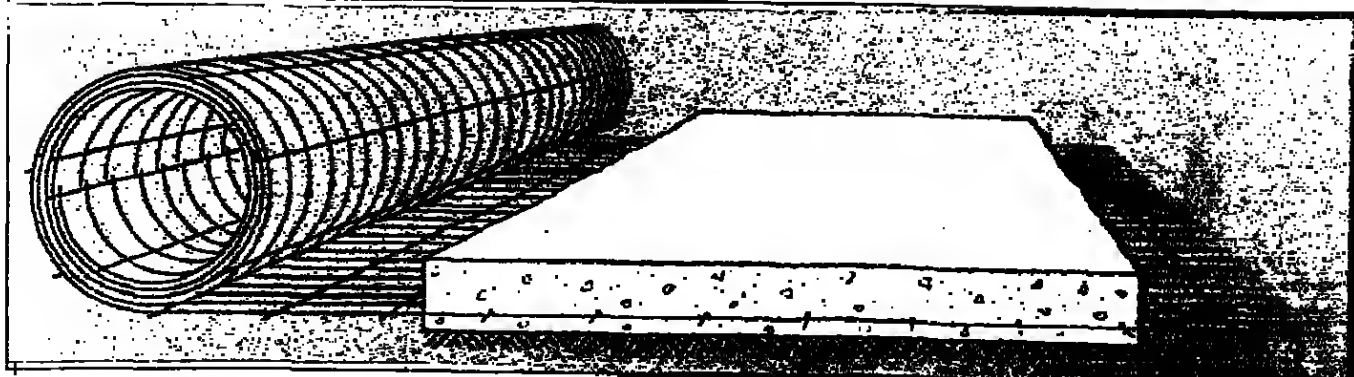
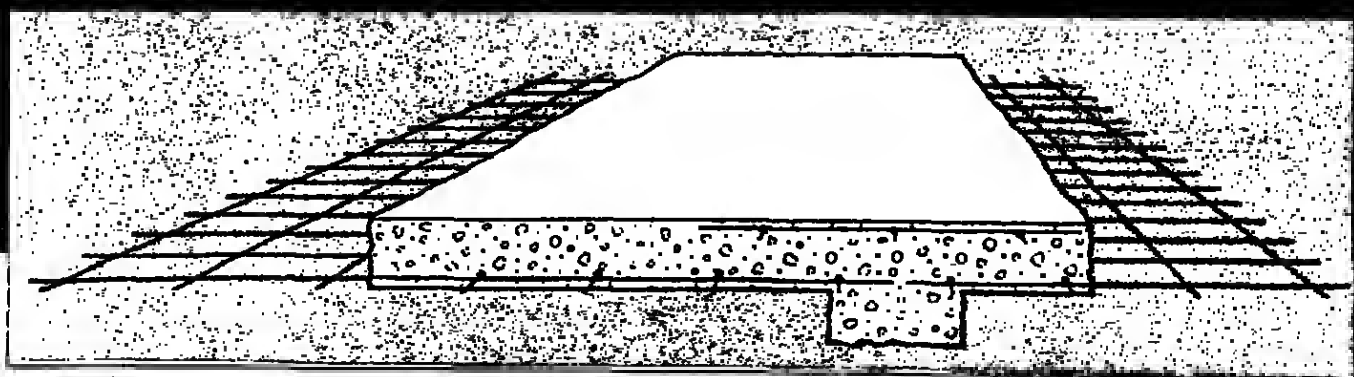
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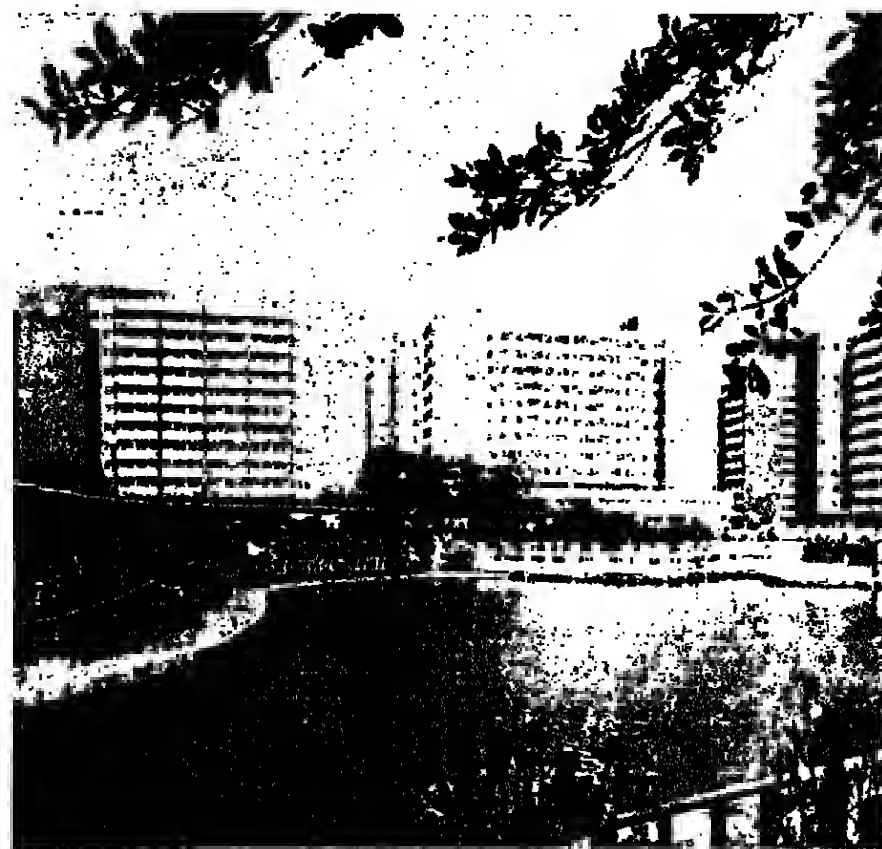
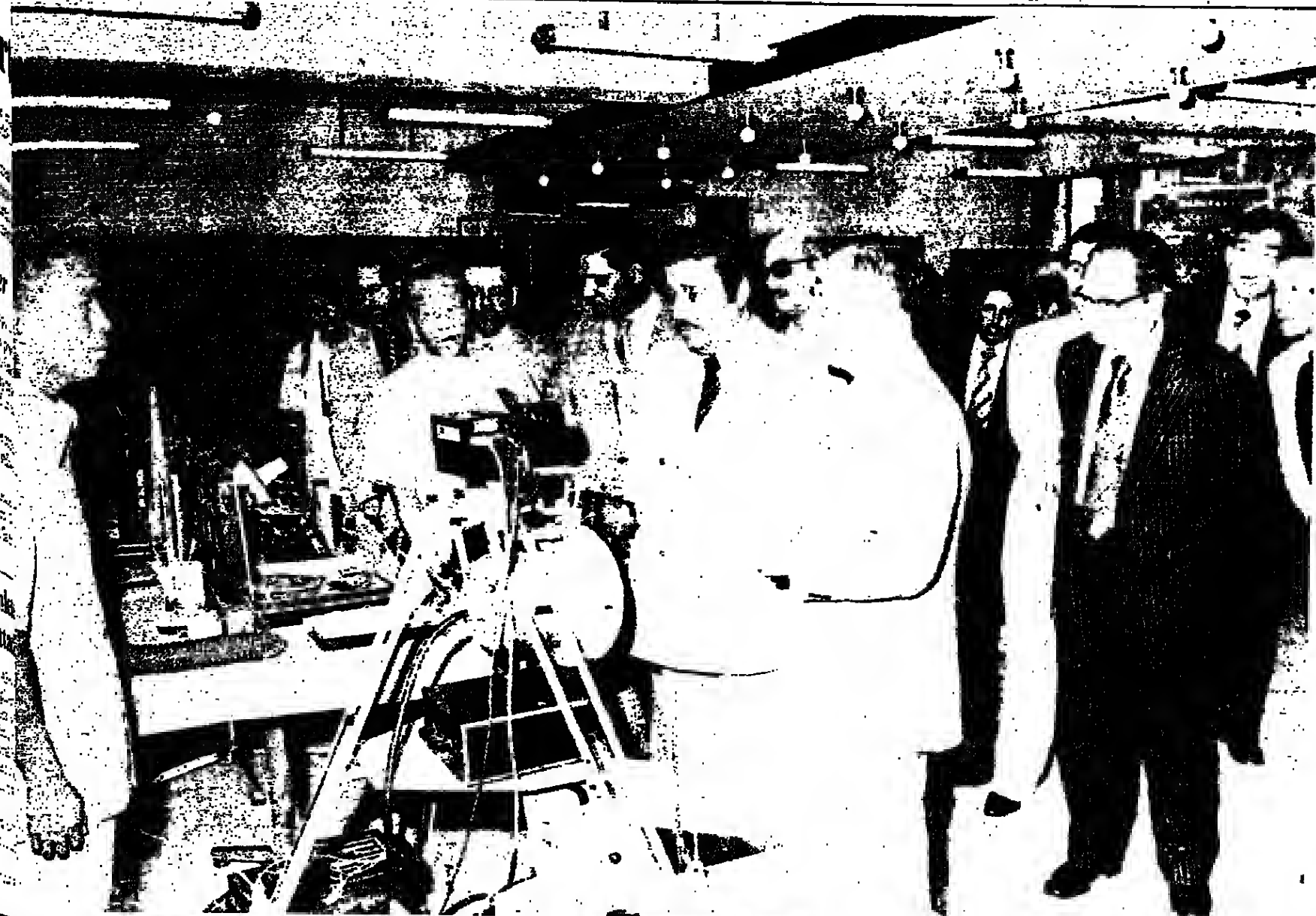
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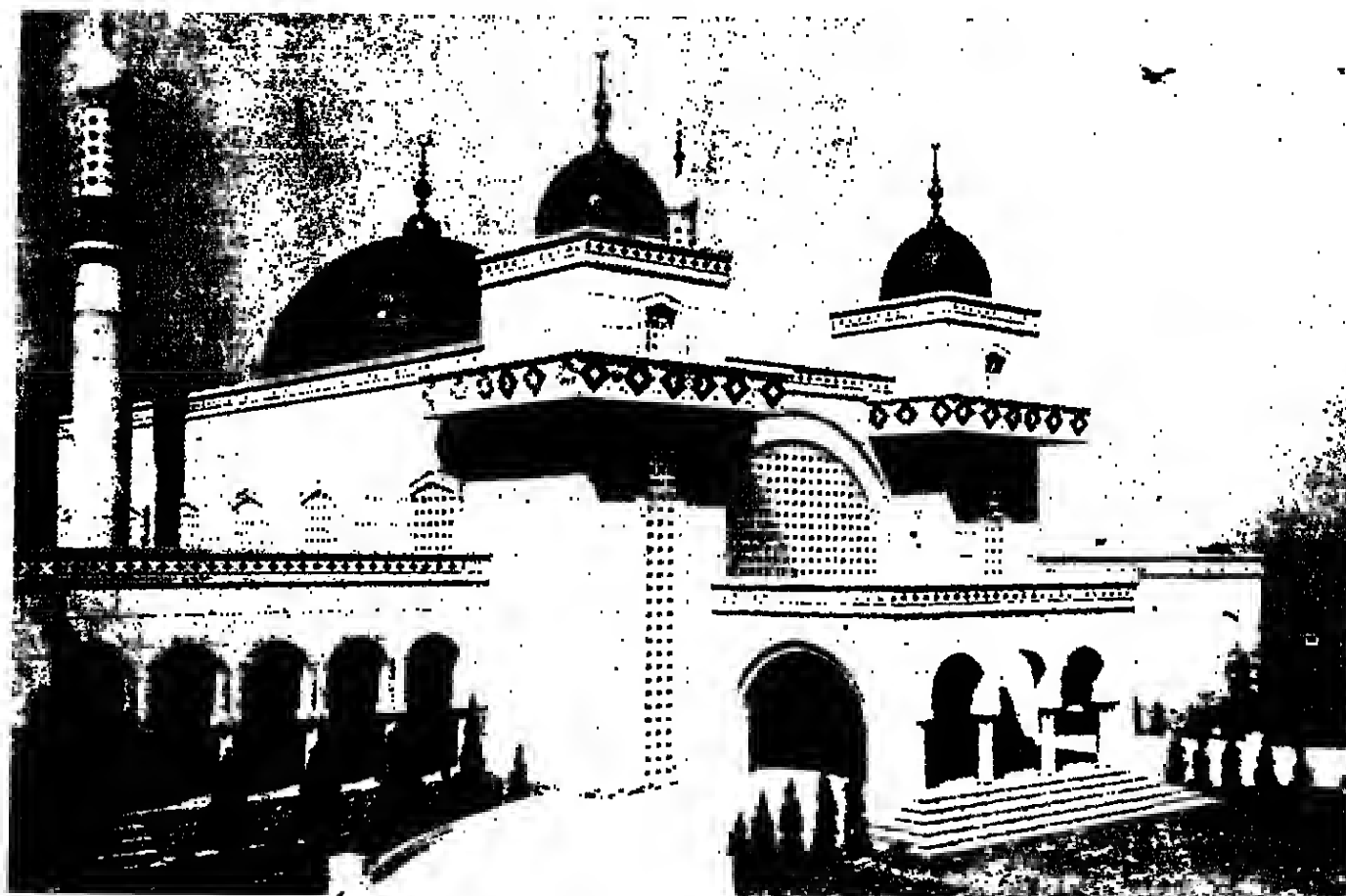
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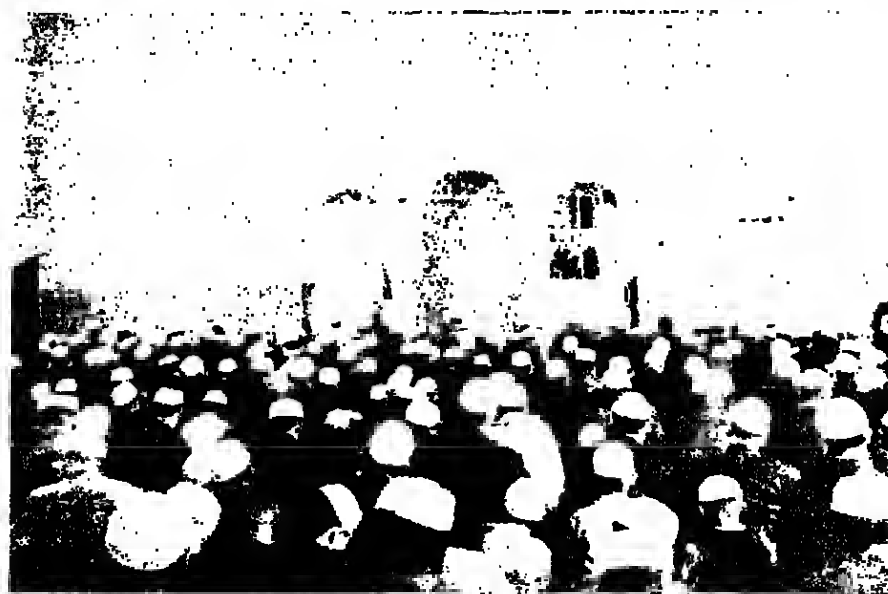




**INSPECTION :** Interior Minister Prince Naif (left photo) inspects modern police equipment in Taipei during his visit to the Republic of China last year. The Chinese interior minister will return the visit when he arrives in the Kingdom Thursday at the invitation of Prince Naif. (above) Housing units rise up in every city of the Republic of China to accommodate limited income people of a nation whose population is about 17 million.



**MOSQUE :** Chinese Muslims pray at Taipei's Grand Mosque. The Republic of China has a Muslim population of 70,000.



**CHILDREN :** Young, handicapped children perform the Chinese lion dance (above). Handicapped children play in a school courtyard (middle). One handicapped person trains himself to draw. These activities by handicapped children permit them to deal with their problems and overcome their handicaps.

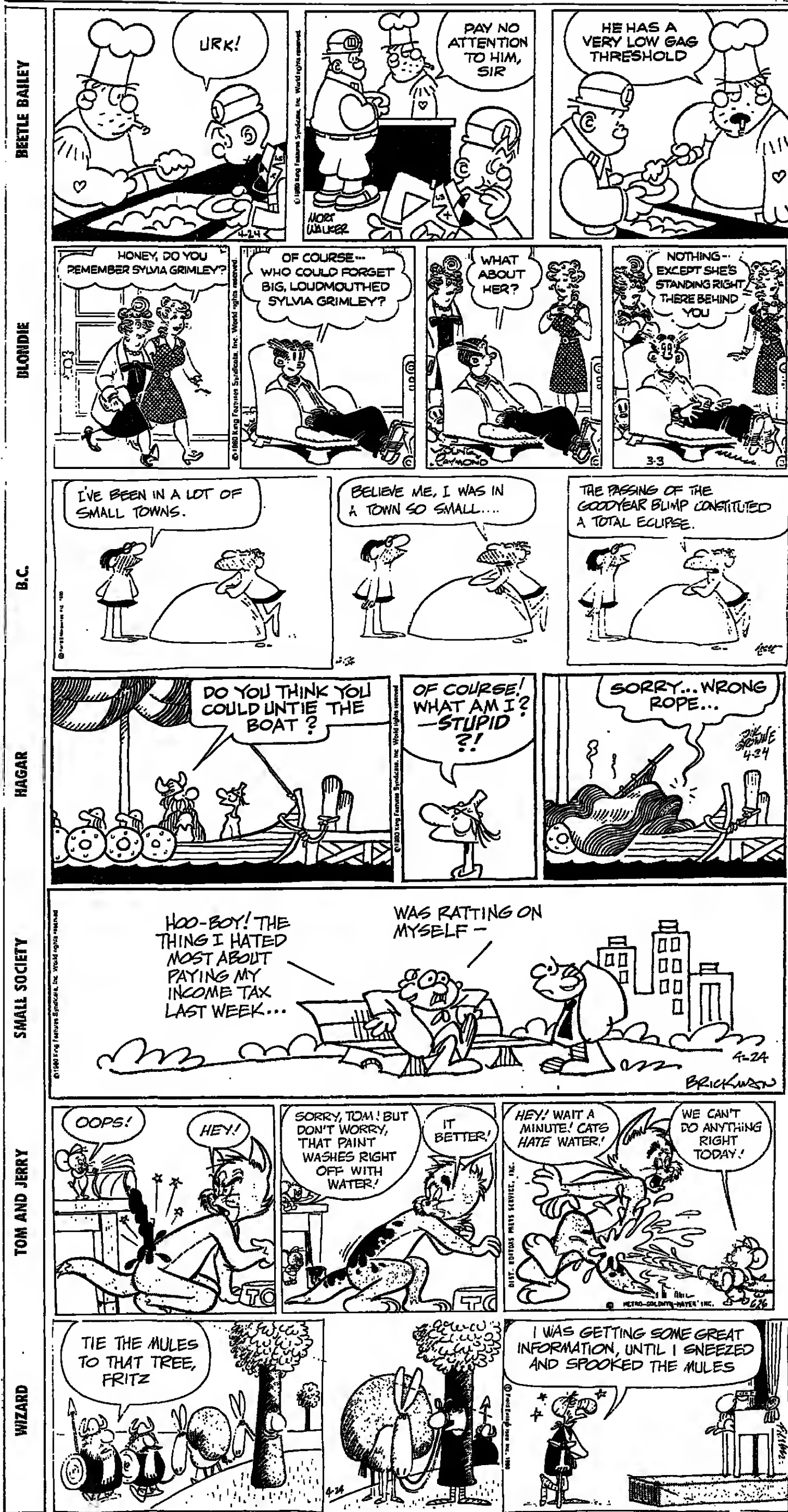


**DISCIPLINE :** A police cadet breaks 14 layers of bricks with his head using the Chinese Kun fu technique.



**TRAINING :** High school dropouts attend vocational training in the Republic of China to learn a new profession.





## ARAB NEWS CALENDAR

## DHAHRAN TV

3:00 Children's Show	5:00 Vision on	5:27 Sports special	6:01 Laverne & Shirley	6:31 Department 56	7:25 The protectors	7:50 Doctors Hospital	8:30 Beans	9:30 Centennial
10:00 News Roundup	10:30 Special English: News Feature, The Making of a Nation	10:30 News Summary	10:30 News Roundup	10:30 Reports: Actualities	10:05 Opening: Analysis	10:30 News Summary	10:30 News Roundup	10:30 Reports: Actualities

## VOA

10:30 News Summary	10:30 VOC Magazine	10:30 American Letter	10:30 Cultural: Letter	11:00 Special English: News	11:30 Music U.S. (Jazz)
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## Evening Transmission

9:01 Opening	9:01 Holy Quran	9:05 Gens of Guidance	9:10 Light Music	9:15 The Evening Show	9:45 Eve and Her World	10:00 Music	10:10 NEWS	10:25 S.A. — A Daily Chronicle	10:30 Music Worldwide	11:00 World Classics	11:15 African-American Theme	11:45 On Islam	12:00 Symphony Concert	12:30 Music	12:45 A Rendezvous with Dreams	01:00 Close-down
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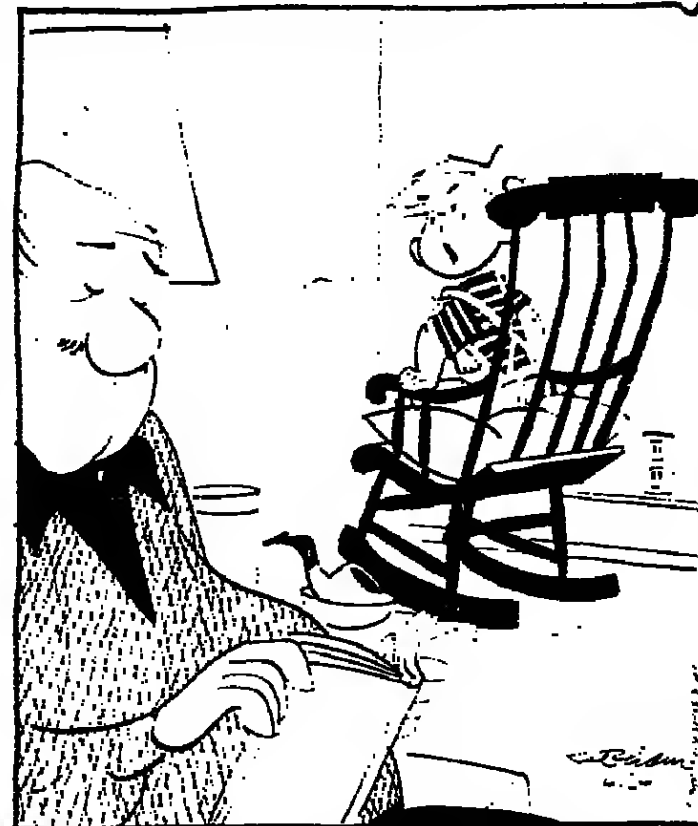
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♥ A 8 4	♥ 9 6 3 2
♦ J 10	♦ K 7 4 3
♣ J 7 4 3	♣ A 8 6
WEST	SOUTH
♠ 7 3	♠ K J 10 8 2
♥ K J 10 5	♥ Q 7
♦ 8 6 5 2	♦ A Q 9
♣ K 10 2	♣ Q 9 5

The bidding: South West North East 1♣ Pass 3♣ Pass 4♣

Opening lead — two of diamonds.

Declarer often cannot overcome a bad lie of the adverse cards and is forced to proceed in the hope that they will be divided favorably for him. But there are times when he can manipulate his resources so as to succeed despite an unlucky distribution of the missing cards, and these are the times when his mettle is fully tested. Consider this deal where West leads a diamond, declarer winning East's king with the ace. South sees four potential losers — three clubs

and a heart — and he therefore starts looking for ways to eliminate one of them.

One possibility, after drawing trumps, is to play a low heart from dummy toward his queen. If East has the king, South will make two heart tricks instead of one and thus make the contract. Another possibility is to attack clubs by leading a low one toward dummy's jack. If the jack loses to East's king or ace, South will still have the Q-9 left and can later play a club from dummy toward them and perhaps score a club trick.

As the cards lie, these lines of play do not succeed and South would eventually go down one. However, after drawing trumps, declarer can assure the contract if he plays the hand correctly. He cashes the Q-9 of diamonds, discarding a heart from dummy, and then leads the ace and another heart.

These plays place South firmly in the driver's seat. The defender who wins the second heart lead with the king will have to yield a ruff and discard or else lead a club and thus establish a club trick for declarer that would otherwise be in doubt.

The suggested method of play totally eliminates the luck factor that appeared to exist when dummy first came down.

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FOR THURSDAY, APRIL 24, 1980

What kind of day will tomorrow be? To find out what the stars say, read the forecast given for your birth sign.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19)

Don't let the success of one project cause you to rest on your oars. The way is clear for prosperity, if you're not careless. Be attentive. Misunderstandings possible with loved ones, which may need clearing up later. P.M. brings renewed confidence.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20)

If you get different stories about a domestic situation better do some checking on the facts. P.M. favors quiet times around home case.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22)

You may be uncertain about a career matter. Don't take things for granted. A time to give and receive invitations to social occasions.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22)

Confusions about the legalities of a financial matter may require a meeting with a higher-up. P.M. brings a happy solution.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22)

Make sure you listen carefully to the directives of

higher-ups. Take advantage of a chance to go away on a trip.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)

Keeping things to yourself could leave a close ally guessing. Keep the doors of communication open. Research investment matters.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)

Friends could prove a distracting influence. Attend to duty, then enjoy socializing with others. Close allies are supportive.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21)

Avoid premature celebrations about a work project. Instead capitalize on present opportunity and get to work immediately.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19)

There could be some confusion about where a visitor will stay. Still, when all's settled, happy times are in store. Enjoy romance.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18)

Be careful signing any financial papers. You could easily make the wrong assumption. P.M. brings a clearer perspective.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to Mar. 20)

Indecision besets you about a gift or financial matter. A talk with a close ally proves rewarding. Local visits are invited.

## Crossword by THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 "Sticks and Bones" playwright

5 Rapsallions

11 Glad eye

12 "La Forza Dei Destini" hero

13 Fractitioner

14 Dock worker, at times

15 Before

16 "Turandot" role

17 — had it!

18 Calif. city

20 Salt: Fr.

21 "— Kleine Nachtmusik"

22 Orlando

23 Gasconade

24 Negative word

25 Former life

26 — processing

27 Table scrap

28 Highly valued

31 Thrice: Lat.

32 Imitate

33 Wallach

34 Comfy

36 Ever and —

37 It's a — the right direction

38 Hoodwink

39 Wearing a kelly

40 Cervine creature

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Yesterday's Answer

19 "South Pacific" girl

22 Dorothy's

23 Musical

24 Count

25 Slip

26 Robert

27 Blake

28 Soap-making

29 Liberty

30 Roadside eatery

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Yesterday's Cryptquote: A FANATIC IS A MAN THAT DOES WHAT HE THINKS THE LORD WOULD DO IF HE KNEW THE FACTS OF THE CASE.—FINLEY PETER DUNNE

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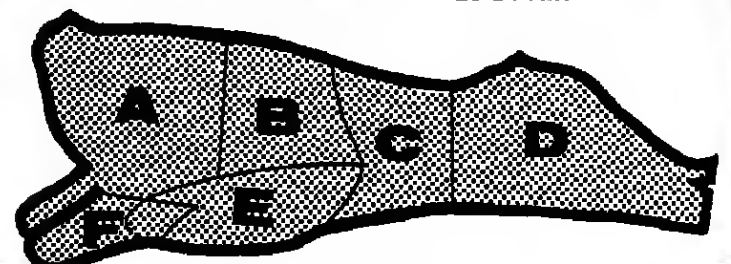
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## To Communist bloc Iran detours high-priced oil

TEHRAN, April 23 (Agencies) — Iran will shortly start selling off oil which Japan and two European companies, British Petroleum and Shell, are refusing to buy at new higher prices. Oil Minister Ali Akbar Moinefar said Wednesday.

Moinefar said in a telephone interview Wednesday that Iran had concluded unannounced agreements to sell some of the oil at an effective price of \$35 a barrel soon if its three highest customers did not accept the \$2.50 price rise which they had so far refused to pay. Asked if the new sales would be to Eastern European countries, the minister said: "Mostly, yes."

He said Romania had signed contracts to buy 100,000 barrels a day of Iranian oil, a 60-per-cent increase on its previous purchase at the full new price. Asked if this was the highest contract Iran had signed since announcing the price rise late last month, Moinefar said: "This is the highest one we've announced."

He said in answer to a question: "There is something I have not announced yet. It will probably be announced in the next week." Moinefar ruled out any further negotiations with the companies refusing the latest increase, which makes Iranian light crude the most expensive in the Gulf and a full \$9 a barrel dearer than Saudi Arabian oil.

"We already announced the price and we are not going to discuss it. If they don't agree to pay this, there is nothing to stop us selling the oil to other people," he said.

The minister said all new contracts were for cash, and no barter was involved. He could not immediately confirm the duration of the deals. Eastern European countries were known to be seeking long-term agreements involving barter, while Iraq was demanding cash and its contracts generally run for between three and nine months.

Moinefar also hinted that Iran and the Soviet Union had resumed stalled negotiations over Soviet purchases of Iranian gas,

which broke down last month when Moscow rejected Iranian demands for a five-fold price increase.

Meanwhile, Washington was disappointed and Iran defiant over a decision by America's European allies to take economic action against Iran if the 53 U.S. hostages are not released.

The foreign ministers of the nine Communist Market countries announced after a two-day meeting in Luxembourg Tuesday their governments were banning new export and service contracts with Iran and all military sales to Iran, were reducing their diplomatic staffs in Tehran, were cutting Iranian diplomatic staffs in their capitals, and reimposing visa requirements for Iranians traveling to their countries.

The ministers said if there was not "decisive progress leading to the release of the hostages" by May 17, their governments would impose the economic sanctions called for in the U.N. Security Council resolution vetoed by the Soviet Union in January.

Such action would halt all exports from the nine countries to Iran except food and medicine, cutting off an estimated \$7 billion in sales annually.

The foreign ministers' communique made no mention of stopping purchases of Iranian oil, now about 650,000 barrels a day. But they reportedly agreed to ban buying of Iranian oil at prices above the levels of the rest of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries. Since Iran is now demanding \$35 a barrel, \$2.50 above the highest other OPEC prices, this amounts to a ban on new oil contracts of spot sales.

Iran on Monday suspended shipment of the 530,000 barrels Japan imported daily because the Japanese refused to pay the price. The Japanese government is to decide Thursday what steps it will take to help free the hostages and Tokyo's leaders have indicated they will go along with the Common Market's plan.

The communique did not define the term "decisive progress," and there appeared to be disagreement what was meant. The British foreign secretary, Lord Carrington, told a news conference the Iranian government would have to do more than take custody of the hostages from the militants who occupied the U.S. embassy in Tehran Nov. 4 and continue to hold 50 of the captives there. The three others are held at the Iranian Foreign Ministry.

The State Department said it welcomed the Common Market's decision to support the U.S. government's efforts to free the hostages. But Carter administration sources were obviously disappointed in the delay in full sanctions.

This "was a typical European decision," said one official who would not be quoted by name. "It postpones the crunch."

President Jimmy Carter has said he may take military measures if the hostages are not freed by mid-May, and U.S. officials said the prospect of European sanctions taking effect at that time would put pressure on him to defer his decision for a while longer.

Moinefar said any nation supporting U.S. sanctions "would be blacklisted forever and would never get Iran's oil," and Iran's economic affairs minister, Reza Salimi, said the Soviet Union has agreed to let Iran use its roads if the United States blockades Iran's southern water routes.

Ayatollah Khomeini's revolutionary regime continued to struggle with violent opposition on its campuses and in rebellious Kurdistan, in northwest Iran.

Tehran Radio reported five persons killed Tuesday in clashes at the university in Rasht. It said three persons were killed Monday at Tehran University, five at Alwarz University and one at Sistan-an-Baluchistan University.

Sixteen persons also were reported killed in fighting between rebels and government forces in northwest Kurdistan.

## Gold jumps; prime rate cuts dollar

LONDON, April 23 (AP) — A decision by Chase Manhattan Bank to drop its prime lending rate, pulled the rug out from under the dollar, said a Frankfurt foreign exchange dealer Wednesday as the U.S. currency tumbled in value around Europe.

Gold prices, meanwhile, rose slightly, in what bullion dealers described as "very, very quiet trading."

European bullion dealers said gold markets were quiet because many investors had adopted a wait-and-see attitude to the metal ahead of a meeting of the international monetary fund in Hamburg. Further IMF gold auctions may be discussed there.

Gold closed at \$506.50 an ounce in London compared with \$502.50 at the close Tuesday. In Zurich it closed at \$506.50 compared with \$503.50. The price of silver in London was slightly up, however, closing at \$14.05 an ounce compared with \$13.75.

In recent weeks high U.S. interest rates have made holding dollars an attractive proposition and their value increased. But dealers said Chase Manhattan's decision to drop its prime rate from 19 1/2 per cent to 19 appeared to be the start of a general turnaround in U.S. interest rates.

They said the Chase Manhattan decision triggered nervous selling that saw the dollar reach 1.8275 West German marks in Frankfurt, compared with 1.575 Tuesday.

The dollar also fell in Tokyo, where markets close before those in Europe open.

Closing gold prices (in U.S. dollars per troy ounce):

	Wednesday	Tuesday
London	506.50	503.50
Paris	522.10	511.12
Frankfurt	508.98	497.00
Zurich	507.50	502.50
Hong Kong	505.47	491.03



The Sphinx: Removing the sand increased erosion

## Threatened by erosion Can glue save Sphinx?

CAIRO, April 23 (R) — Egyptologists plan to fill the 4,500-year-old Sphinx of Giza with glue as part of a \$5 million campaign to save Egypt's pharaonic and Islamic monuments from erosion by the elements.

The director of antiquities for the Cairo area, Nassef Hassan, said the plan is to pour the glue down the deep wells in the Sphinx's back and let it seep through the porous limestone of the body.

Like many other Egyptian monuments the Sphinx, symbol of mystery, was insulated from sun, wind and rain for thousands of years by sand blown in from the desert.

But since archaeologists cleared away the sand in the 1930's, the Sphinx, a monolithic statue of a crouching lion with the head of the pharaoh Khafre (Chephren), has been slowly deteriorating. Occasional showers of rain dissolve the calcium carbonate in the limestone. When the sun comes out, the carbonate crystallizes on the surface, reducing the outer layer of stone to a fragile powder which the wind blows away.

The Aswan high dam, completed in 1970, added a new complication when it raised the water-table all over the country. In the case of the Sphinx the ground-water is now within three meters of the statue's base.

The director of the Antiquities Organization, Shabata Adam, has officially

denied Egyptian newspaper reports that ground water is a serious danger, but studies are still at an early stage. Hassan said attempts to protect the Sphinx in the early 1970's only aggravated the problem. Egyptologists poured glue over the most vulnerable parts, the chest and neck, in the hope that it would penetrate to the core.

But the glue sank in only two centimeters forming a shell which then broke off from the Sphinx's body.

The elements have also attacked the flanks of the statue around the base, but Hassan said a girdle of stone blocks now being put in place would soon ward off the attack.

Work on the half-completed girdle would continue next month when a new allocation of \$210,000 comes through, Hassan said.

The Pyramids, which stand on a plateau just above the Sphinx, are too massive to be affected by the weather, but fragile wall paintings and reliefs are easy victims.

A grant of \$290,000 of the campaign money will go towards the fabulous tomb of Nefertari, wife of Egypt's mightiest emperor, Ramesses.

The 3,500 year-old Deir Al-Bahrari temple in upper Egypt will get \$64,000 and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) is sending a team of experts to report on Cairo's Islamic monuments.

## 'Law-abiding' residents get windfall Wealthy Malaysian timber foundation shakes money tree

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia, April 23 (AP) — The money tree is being shaken again in Sabah, a timber-rich state in eastern Malaysia.

The Sabah Foundation is distributing bills worth \$44 to each "law-abiding Sabahan" over 21 years of age. Handouts for 417,000 people, scheduled over two months, began April 5.

A foundation spokesman said more than 30,000 newly qualified for the windfall may register during the distribution period and could expect their money in June or July.

What is the Sabah Foundation and why is it so generous? Politics and timber are the foundation's foundation.

Vast tracts of virgin jungle were opened in the eastern half of the state in the 1960's.

Malaysia is the world's largest exporter of tropical hardwoods and some of the best stands are in Sabah where 86 per cent of the land is forested. Malaysia's log exports were worth almost \$77 million last year.

The foundation was launched in 1965 with financing from the state government to widen educational opportunities and provide other benefits in the once primitive area of Borneo. Five years later, after rich concessions were taken over from 12 private timber firms, the foundation formed the Amanah Rakyat Sabah — Sabah People's Trust Fund — to share profits with the people.

More than 8,500 square kilometers of prime timber land was given to the foundation, which operates seven subsidiaries from its sleek new 30-story headquarters in Kota

Kinabalu.

It issues no detailed financial reports. Estimates of the value of its unexplained timber land run as high as \$8.7 billion.

The Sabah Foundation has been politically controversial. Rival office-seekers accused those in control of using its funds to try to buy votes. No regular dates are fixed for the payouts and some politicians contend they were once done before elections to sway the voters. No election is scheduled this year.

Sabah chief minister Harris Salleh is also chairman of the foundation's board of trustees.

Sources say distributions depend on the foundation's profits and are announced when

the fund has accumulated sufficient money.

The first payout was in 1971 with \$22 allotted each citizen and permanent resident holding share certificates in the trust fund. There have been about a dozen distributions, one source said, but the total amount involved was not available.

Last year 375,482 Sabahans got money. Awang Dami Mohamed, manager of group distribution, said a team of 380 officials rotate around 511 collection centers to hand out the cash. About 8,000 eligible for the windfall do not bother to collect.

Distributions temporarily distort economic life in parts of the state.

## Arab-American enters Senate race

Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, April 23 — Arab-American businessman Michael Saba has entered the race for the U.S. Senate in North Dakota, Arab News — Ashary Al-Awsat has learned.

Saba, who is running as a Democrat, becomes the second Arab-American to seek a Senate seat in the 1980 elections. Congressman James Abdnor of South Dakota, also of Arab descent, is trying to unseat Senator George McGovern.

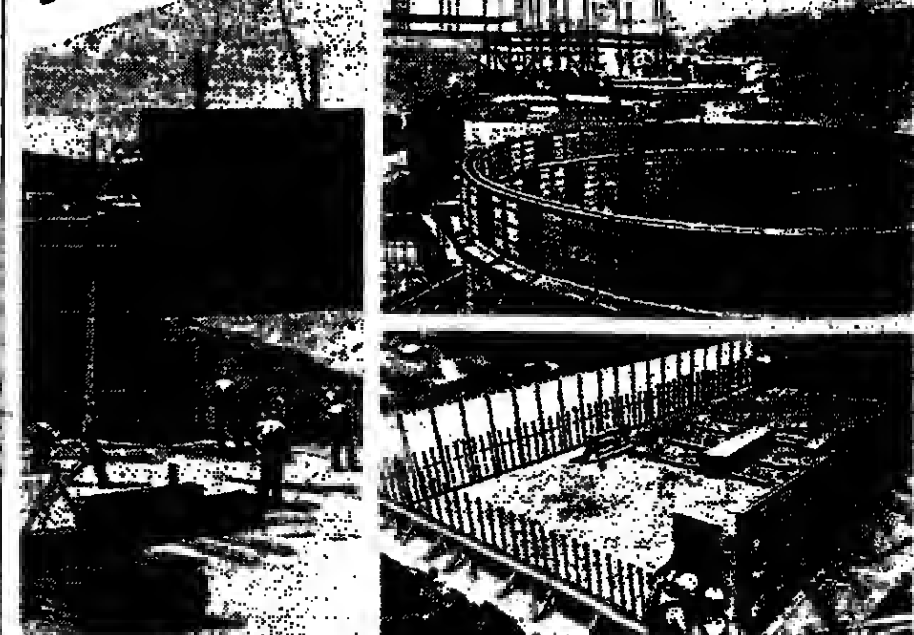
North Dakota is one of America's key agricultural states. Its 40,000 farms produce

about 3 per cent of the world's wheat, Saba said. The Arab-American candidate is emphasizing economic issues in his campaign, including direct sales of North Dakota wheat to countries of the Third World.

There is considerable sympathy in North Dakota for the Arab world and its people, Saba said. Saba's rival for the Democratic nomination is Kent Johannesson, a Bismarck lawyer and oil broker.

Johannesson has a well-known political name in the state, but political sources say he is plagued by a "loser's image." He has no unsuccessfully in the past for several state offices, including attorney general.

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